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THE PRINCE'S BALL.

A Brilliant Gathering at the Academy of Music.

Magnificent Appearance of the Dancing Floor.

Arrival of the Grand Duke and the Russian Officers.

Names of Those who Danced with the Imperial Guest.

List of the Ladies and Gentlemen Present.

A Splendid Banquet Served in Nilsson Hall.

Since the remote period when the mystical Cinderella visited the Prince's ball in a coach and six opportunely provided for her by her fairy godmother, there has always seemed to linger a glamor and indefinable attraction about balls attended by scions of royal families, and when those scions happen to possess commanding forms, noble features and sounding titles, the attraction becomes doubly great. It may well be imagined, therefore, that the anticipation of the ball given last evening to His Imperial Highness the Grand Duke ALEXIS has kept all the aristocracy and respectability of this good City in a fever of expectation for weeks, perhaps we may say for months, past. Can we get a ticket, and what shall we wear? have been the questions asked and repeated by rosy lips morning, noon and night, as their fair owners trifled with their morning chocolate, or went shopping up the sunny side of Broadway, or reclined on the well-stuffed cushions of their chariots. The questions were answered favorably to a few lucky hundreds; the many thousands got no answers at all. To the lucky ones, when the plainly-printed tickets came that were to admit them to the same dancing-floor and the same supper-room with a real Prince, born in the purple, who had lived in the atmosphere of Courts, and stood in the shadow of the throne, what visions were opened! If young, they reveled in dreams of a fairy-land. They thought of the Prince:

> "Blue-eyed and fair of face,
> With lengths of yellow ringlets like a girl,"

whose fate is told in undying verse; then their thoughts wandered to that Prince that so gallantly made his way into the enchanted castle and woke with a kiss the sleeping beauty; next they mused on Cinderella's Prince and the glass slipper and half believed it true, and wondered why there were no fairy godmothers nowadays. But these were the very young ladies and not the veterans of half a dozen balls; if middle-aged they thought more perhaps of their dress and diamonds, how they should get to the ball, when they should leave home and when return, of how cold the streets would be, and how hot the ball-room and many other sublunary things. If they were past middle age they thought at first they would not go at all; then they changed their minds and thought they might venture this once, and finally they resolved to go at all hazards, and go they did, young and middle-aged and old, blooming miss and grey-haired sire and matron, and what they saw and did, and how the Prince looked and what he did, and who was there we shall tell below.

THE FIRST ARRIVALS.

The first arrivals of carriages took place as early as 8½, but the hour for opening the doors having been fixed by the Committee at 9, the occupants of the carriages had to remain in them for about half an hour. This was decidedly unpleasant, considering the low atmosphere. As soon as the outer doors opened about 100 persons entered and were received by the various committees, all of whom were at their post. For full an hour, however, the Academy wore a rather deserted appearance, only a few of the seats in the dress circle and the boxes being filled. Nor was there any music to enliven the scene, although two of JULLIEN'S fine bands were in attendance, for it had been determined that there should be neither music nor dancing until the Duke's arrival. By 10 o'clock, however, a majority of the company had arrived, and the Academy presented a brilliant appearance. Of the toilets it is only necessary to say that the majority of them were rich and tasteful. Among those destined to create a sensation was that worn by a lady of majestic form, consisting of a satin bodice with black velvet train, trimmed with ostrich feathers.

THE DECORATIONS.

The parquet of the Academy was, of course, floored over, and the stage for some distance back from the proscenium was hung with light-colored silk tapestry. At the further end was a finely-executed moonlight garden scene, with a rising terrace, a grove, and a labyrinth of foliage. The hangings on each side were of gray silk, striped with blue and gold and terminated by a heavy golden fringe. Garlands of flowers hung from the ceiling, the intersections being kept in place by gilt buttons, and shields bearing the Russian and American coats of arms alternately. On the left of the garden scene was an opening through the silk hangings leading to the banqueting room. The arrangement of these hangings was such as to represent an open tent, access to which was obtained by ascending three terraces in the Louis Quatorze style, one rising above the other. On the last terrace, or platform, was an ornamental balcony, the centre piece of which was formed of a wide pediment surmounted by a vase of exotics. The curtains at the extreme ends were painted to represent the terraces as fading in the distance. Light was thrown on the landscape by four superb pendant chandeliers. A curtain was extended from the top of the proscenium, on which was depicted a globe, and two figures representing Russia and America joining hands. To the right of Russia were three smaller figures, one representing the northern or barbaric tribes, another a Cossack Tartar, and the third a modern Russian. Three figures at the right of Russia represented Commerce, Agriculture, and the Mechanical Arts—one rolling a bale of cotton, another striking an anvil, and the third holding a plow. On two large banners pendant from the ceiling were painted, somewhat roughly, it must be confessed, a full-length portrait of LINCOLN holding the Emancipation Proclamation, and at his feet a family of liberated slaves. On the other banner was a picture of the Czar ALEXANDER presenting the ukase abolishing serfdom in his dominions to a group of figures kneeling at his feet. The fronts of the proscenium boxes were decorated with garlands.

In the box occupied by the Prince, two paintings were hung—one a portrait of the Czar ALEXANDER, and the other of the Empress, mother of ALEXIS. The paintings are the property of Mr. BERGH, and were executed in St. Petersburg.

ARRIVAL OF THE DUKE.

It had been arranged that the Duke should leave the Clarendon at 10 o'clock, and consequently he was expected to arrive at the Academy a few minutes past that hour. A special entrance had been provided for the Duke on Fourteenth-street by the erection of a covered way leading from the street across the sidewalk to the Academy. This temporary structure was carpeted, hung with lace curtains and pictures, and lighted by gas. Its aspect was, however, rather too summerish and its atmosphere too chilly to be comfortable on so cold an evening, but, as the Duke only passed through it, of course no heating apparatus was required. About 10:20 Gov. HOFFMAN, his wife and daughter, with a number of his staff arrived, and were received at the entrance provided for the Grand Duke by Mr. ALBERT BIERSTADT and Gen. SHALER, who conducted the Governor and his family to a private box on the right-hand side of the auditorium. At precisely 10:25 the Grand Duke ALEXIS arrived with his suite, and following him were a number of ladies. But little ceremony was used in receiving the Duke. As he stepped from his carriage he grasped Mr. BIERSTADT'S hand, said "I'm glad to meet you again; its very cold," an observation which was most certainly truthful, if not very original, for as the Duke entered he seemed to have brought a large piece of a Russian Winter with him, so fiercely did the icy blast follow him. The Duke walked quickly into the Academy, where he had so recently listened to the charms of NILSSON'S voice, but which was now so transformed that he certainly could not have recognized it as the same building, and was immediately shown to a private box near Gov. HOFFMAN'S. So quietly had the Duke's entrance been effected that not ten persons in the house knew of it until the band struck up. In a few minutes afterward the dancing floor was filled with promenaders, every eye, however, turning to the box in which the Duke and his suite sat. At this moment a scene more brilliant was never witnessed within the walls of the Academy, and the Duke, as he leaned from his box, was evidently impressed by it. A large number of Russian naval officers were present, and among the members of the Russian Embassy who were invited to attend the ball, was Rev. Father BJERRING. The reverend gentleman could not accept the invitation, as it is not customary for priests in the Greek Church to attend such festivities.

THE DANCING.

After the promenaders had revolved around the platform for fifteen minutes and had gazed their fill upon the Grand Duke, a proceeding which he bore with admirable patience, he momentarily disappeared, but soon emerged upon the floor with Mrs. HOFFMAN on his arm. The throng was so dense that the floor managers, Messrs. G. C. DODGE, LLOYD ASPINWALL, JAMES E. MONTGOMERY, HENRY CLEWS and S. J. MACY, were obliged to lead in front and make way for the royal dancer. The Grand Duke took his place for the first dance, the Lancers, with Mrs. HOFFMAN, the wife of the Governor, for his partner, and his *vis-à-vis* was Gen. MCDOWELL with Mrs. ASPINWALL. In the same set was the Governor who danced with Mrs. CATACAZY, and Mr. IRWIN with Mrs. CUTTING. The band commenced a selection of dance music compiled from OFFENBACH'S opera of "Les Brigands," and the dancing began with as much spirit as was practicable in so immense a crowd. The Grand Duke, was dressed in naval frock coat with open lappels and two stars upon his breast, proved himself somewhat of an indifferent dancer, and seemed rather to dislike the mild exertion necessary in the Lancers. The ice being now broken, the dances followed as laid down in the subjoined order:

	Polonaise De Reception.....Julian
1.	Lanciers—Les Brigands.....Downing
2.	Valse—Wiener Kinder.....Strauss
3.	Galop—Postilion d'amour.....Hermann
4.	Quadrille—Semiramide.....Rossini
5.	Valse—Amorettentanze.....Gung'l
6.	Lanciers—Concordia.....Hartung
7.	Valse—Casmo.....Gung'l
8.	Galop—Peterahung Champagne.....Lumbye
9.	Russian Quadrille—Zolotaga Rybka.....Minkus
10.	Galop—Il Crescendo.....Jullien
11.	Lanciers—Faust.....Gounod
12.	Valse—Denker Hertzen.....Strauss
13.	Galop—Genevieve.....Offenbach
14.	Quadrille—Prince Alexis.....Eben
15.	Galop—Glocken Spiel.....Labitzky
16.	Lanciers—Cloches de l'Hermite.....Wiegand
17.	Valse—St. Petersburg.....Lorenz
18.	Galop—Ekaterniburg.....Jullien
19.	Polka Redowa—Love's Bouquet.....Pariott
20.	Valse—Thousand and One Nights.....Strauss

HOME, SWEET HOME.

After the first quadrille the Grand Duke promenaded the floor with Miss MORSE, the daughter of Prof. MORSE, and watched with interest the playing of the fountain at the extreme end. By a skillful arrangement of colored lights above, the waters of the fountain were made to change their hue, to the great delight of the fair spectators. The round dancing was almost a failure on account of the immense numbers present, who continued to promenade throughout the dances, and who followed the footsteps of the Imperial visitor with a childish curiosity, which greatly amused him. Public attention was, however, divided between the Grand Duke and a Russian officer in the uniform of the Hussars of the Imperial Guard. He wore a scarlet dolman richly embroidered with gold, and a jacket of sheep-skin trimmed with sable fur was hung from his shoulders. He was strikingly handsome, and more than one young lady expressed her opinion that he was a darling. As he understood English perfectly, and could not but hear the by no means whispered comments, his self-possession was something extraordinary. The Floor Committee did their utmost to enable people to dance. That they partially succeeded entitles them to high thanks. The Committee was composed of the following gentlemen:

C. F. Blake,	Richard Irvin, Jr.,
Geo. H. Bend,	Lewis C. Jones,
Henri M. Breem,	Chas. W. Kohlsaat,
A. Baldwin,	Edward Kemeys,
Jules E. Brugiere,	Geo. L. Kingsland,
James Cross,	Woodbury G. Langdon,
E. J. Dunning, Jr.,	Louis Mesier,
E. Farrington,	Theodore Mason,
Russell Forsyth,	Peter Marie,
H. W. Gray,	Wm. Parsons,
W. T. Garner,	Chas. Peters,
R. S. Grant,	John D. Prince,
John Greenough,	Gould Redmond,
Jos. Gargullo,	Roland Redmond,
G. G. Howland,	R. R. Stuyvesant,
L. J. Hewes,	Elliot F. Shepard,
G. G. Haven,	G. B. DeWolf,
D. Haigat, M. D.,	G. B. Watts.

THE BANQUET.

The banquet took place in Nilsson Hall, which had been brilliantly lighted and decorated for the occasion. At the head of the room a dais was erected for the table devoted to the Grand Duke and the principal guests. In the centre of this table was a magnificent silver epergne loaded with the choicest flowers, camellias, rare tinted fuschias and roses of every variety. Curious plants occupied prominent positions, and the intervals were filled with ornamental confectionery representing temples of the Czars ALEXANDER and NICHOLAS, and two Russian vessels composed of nougat and spun sugar. There were also monuments in chocolate of WASHINGTON, with flags of Russia and America, and two immense vases ornamented with the Russian arms, composed of charlotte russe. The *menu* was printed in gold letters on white satin. During the banquet a superb band played a choice collection of operatic airs from a stand erected in the centre of the hall.

After the banquet dancing was resumed in the Academy, and as many visitors left after supper it was not so crowded and much more enjoyable. The Grand Duke danced several quadrilles with various ladies, Miss MORSE, daughter of the great electrician, Mrs. ASPINWALL and others. He conversed altogether in French during the evening, and listened without a smile to the halting attempts at the language made by some of his fair partners. The Duke and his party left at a late hour, and soon after the ball broke up.

Names of those Present.

The following are the names of those who were present, as far as could be ascertained from the Ball Committee, but as several members declined, for various reasons, to furnish the desired information, the list is so far incomplete:

Ed. B. Adriance, F. B. Arnold, Geo. T. Adee, Miss Adee, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Aspinwall, Gen. Lloyd Aspinwall, Miss Amery, Miss Averoft, Mr. Ackert, E. C. Abell, Hugh Auchincloss, L. B. C. Auchincloss, Mrs. Auchincloss, Miss Auchincloss, Miss Anderson, Mrs. H. Alden, Miss Alden, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allen, James Andarees, Miss Aspinwall, Miss Amory, Miss Allen, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Atwood, Mr. R. Aspinwall, Mrs. W. B. Astor, Chas. Appleby, Miss Nellie Appleby, Gen. Adams, A. M. L. Agnew.

Henry Beadel, Miss Sarah Beadel, Dr. Augustus A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Brown, Miss Emma Brown, Mr. Bagnell, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Bridge, Gen. Buckley, Miss Fannie Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bergh, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Grant Barton, J. Balfour, Hon. and Mrs. G. G. Barnard, Hon. and Mrs. Jos. F. Barnard, E. H. Benedict, Miss Benedict, J. W. Bigelow, Samuel W. Bass, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Brinkenhoff, Le Grand Burton, Miss Buckly, Miss Brewster, Mrs. Brewster, Mrs. Bradstreet, Wm. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Blodgett, Isaac O. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bullock, Miss Bixby, Robert F. Bixby, John E. Beale, James Bleecker, H. B. Bacon, J. W. Brainsby, Mr. and Mrs. Belden, Miss May Brack, Wm. Baylis, A. D. Baylis, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Brown, Chas. F. Blake, Mrs. Judge Brady, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bull, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Berry, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Baker, Miss Baker, Miss Mary Berry, H. Bergh, Jr., Leslie C. Bruce, Francis Babcock, Mr. Blackmore, T. Brush, Mr. and Mrs. Phenix Babcock, Miss Ella Babcock, Joseph Bell, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Blake, Arthur Benson, John Bullard, Mr. Burtis, Albert H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barbey, Miss Bunker, Miss Belden, Mr. Bostwick, Mrs. Belden, Comte Henry Boljini, J. W. Beekman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Burdett, Miss Burdett, Mr. Burwell, Mrs. Geo. H. Burch, Mr. and Mrs. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus L. Bailey, Miss Bailey, J. M. Bailey, Thos. Basse, H. C. Babcock, Mr. Bickley, Mrs. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Betts, C. W. Betts, Jas. W. Beekman, Miss Beekman, George H. Burd, H. D. Babcock, W. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bonner, Mr. Saportas, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sandford, E. W. Scott, Miss Kate L. Stanison, Miss Alice H. Stanison, Dr. F. Seeger, Miss Annie W. Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Squier, Mr. Southwick, W. R. Spinalls, Miss Schuchardt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Stuyvesant, Miss Seward, Mr. and Miss J. E. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Seward, F. Schuchardt, Miss Schuchardt, Miss A. Stillwell, Miss G. Stillwell, Miss Strong, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Strong, Miss Wymer Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Sauer, A. W. Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Stokes, D. Stewart, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Small, Campbell Steward, Sidney V. Stratton, Mrs. N. W. Sandford, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sherwood, A. H. Sands, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Stokes, John Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Speiden, Geo. T. Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Squires, E. C. Strobell, B. L. Swan, Jr., Miss Lucretia Swan, Miss Annie W. Stuart, Ed. Spencer, Ernest A. Stedman, W. R. Stewart, Charles D. Sumner, Mrs. Evelina Simmons, Mis Nellie Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. James Terwilliger, Miss Cora A. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Talmage, Miss Thayer, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thompson, W. C. Traphagen, Miss Traphagen, W. A. Trowbridge, O. H. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Trowbridge, Miss Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Tweddle, W. E. Tunis, W. C. Traphagen, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tailer, Jr., Miss Ellen Travis, Hon. and Mrs. A. B. Tappan, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Toffey, Wm. K. Thorne, Jr., Mrs. W. W. Tompkins, Mr. Terrence, Jacob C. Tolfair, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Truslow, W. C. Tuckerman, Miss Tuckerman, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tiffany, Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomsen, Mr. Tyler, Miss W. W. Thorp, Ronalus Thomas, Miss Taylor, Alfred Taylor.

A. B. Valentine, Aaron Vail, Jr., Robert M. Vail, Jr., Mrs. Ames Van Wart, Ames Van Wart, W. L. Vanderwoort, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Voorhis, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. Vanderbilt, Jr., W. Vanderbilt, Miss Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt, H. Van Kleeck, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Vyse, Wm. Von Sachs, Jas. N. Varnum, Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Rensselaer.

John S. Williams, C. J. Wolf, J. R. Wolf, Miss Wolf, Miss E. Wolf, Marshall Webb, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Webb, Gen. J. S. Whitney, Miss E. Whitney, Mrs. Whitney, W. C. Whitney, Miss Whitney, Buchanan Winthrop, R. A. Witthaus, Chas. A. Wissmann, Dr. J. B. Willoughby, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Woodruff, Oscar C. Wheeler, Mrs. W. A. Wheeler, C. H. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Whitney, John Whipple, Dr. J. P. White, J. M. Watson, Miss Watson, C. W. Wright, Miss Wright, John S. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wheeler, Chas. S. Withington, Mrs. S. A. Whittaker, Mr. Wall, Miss Wall, Dr. G. S. Winston, Miss Winston, James F. Wiesmar, Miss Mat Wood, Dr. F. de F. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Winslow, Miss Winslow, Mrs. Lots, Mr. and Mrs. I. Walraven, Benj. Wood, Miss Nellie Wilson, J. H. Watson, Mrs. Watson, Miss Adele Watson, Geo. L. Walker, F. A. Whitney, Jno. A. Wilson, Mrs. C. Waddell, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Waddell, C. T. Whittemore, Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Weir, J. B. Weaver, Miss Ida Webster, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wood, Miss Welch, J. K. Warren, R. A. Witthaus, Jr., Miss Witthaus, Albert Webber, Mr. and Mrs. James Wyulow, Gardner Willard, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Willard, Miss Lillie Willard, Dr. and Miss E. S. Warts, William Walker, S. C. Williams, Miss M. M. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Welles, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wales, Whiteright, Jr., James Windle, George W. Wilson, G. M. Ward, Miss Weyman.

Miss Young.

Charles Zahn, Fritz Zahn, Judge M. Zeaving.

How Alexis Passed the Day—A Shopping Excursion—A Ride Through Central Park—More Photographs.

The Grand Duke remained quietly at his hotel yesterday morning. He did not breakfast at Jerome Park, as had been arranged in the programme, the fatigues of the Navy-yard ball inclining him to cling to his couch until a late hour.

About 11 o'clock, accompanied by Minister CATACAZY and Count OLSENOFF, he started on a shopping tour through the City. He visited Mr. N. SAVONY'S photographic gallery on Broadway, and had some photographs taken in various styles. He was much pleased in looking over the collection of pictures in the gallery, with the charcoal and crayon drawings of Mrs. SCOTT-SIDDONS, and other celebrities. On his way back to the hotel he stopped in the retail store of A. T. STEWART and TIFFANY'S jewelry establishment. He bought several exquisite bronze statues and some small articles of *bijouterie* in the latter place. The produce men were disappointed in not seeing the Prince yesterday, he being prevented from visiting the Exchange on account of the interchange of visits with Gov. HOFFMAN.

At 1½ o'clock the Prince got into the magnificent "drag" of Mr. E. W. STOUGHTON, and was driven behind a spanking four-in-hand to Central Park. He was accompanied by Minister CATACAZY, Mr. W. H. ASPINWALL, and several gentlemen of the Committee, who also drove four-in-hand and other stylish turn-outs. The Prince was much pleased with the beauties of the Park, but the cold weather interfered somewhat with the enjoyment of the whole party. The Prince and suite quietly rested in the afternoon preparatory to the grand ball in the evening.

About 8 o'clock in the evening the Clarendon presented a scene of lively excitement, and was besieged with well-dressed individuals who came to consult Mr. S. F. MACY in regard to matters relating to the ball. Inquiries from persons calling were frequent and urgent as to whether tickets could be procured to enter the charmed circle at the Academy, and when application was found to be useless, the disappointed ones consoled themselves with the thought that tickets could be bought from speculators at the hotels.

Such was indeed the fact in some instances, and quite a number were sold at a large premium. A box for the ball was offered for sale at the Fifth-avenue hotel for $300; whether that price was obtained for it is not certain. The regular price charged by the Committee for choice boxes was $50.

Mr. MACY, on behalf of the Committee, engaged Mr. THEODORE MOSS, of Wallack's Theatre, to look out at the box-office for persons who presented tickets with names of well-known citizens upon them, and Mr. MOSS was empowered to at once exclude all such persons from admission to the ball.

The Prince will attend a Thanksgiving service at the Russian Chapel this morning, and a reception to be given in his honor at the house of Mr. WM. H. ASPINWALL, corner of University-place and Tenth-street, in the afternoon.

On Friday the West Point excursion will take place. The following letter concerning it was issued yesterday:

> HEAD-QUARTERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
> FOR THE RECEPTION OF
> H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS,
> NO. 245 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, NOV. 29, 1871.

The excursion up the Hudson River to West Point, in honor of His Imperial Highness the Grand Duke ALEXIS, will take place on Friday, 1st proximo.

The Reception Committee steamer *Mary Powell* will leave Vestry-street wharf, Pier No. 39 North River, at 9 o'clock, and Thirty-fourth-street wharf at 9½ o'clock A. M. Members of the Executive and Reception Committees, with their ladies, invited guests and members of the Press, having tickets, will please be on hand at either designated place at the hour stated.

The steamer will return so as to land her passengers at Thirty-fourth-street about 5 o'clock P. M., and at Vestry-street fifteen minutes thereafter.

The same tickets issued for the Bay Reception will admit the holders on this occasion.

Members of the several Committees are requested to wear their respective badges.

By order of the Executive Committee,

JAS. E. MONTGOMERY, Secretary.

EUROPEAN MAIL NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF THE CITY OF LONDON AND WESTPHALIA.

The Inman steam-ship *City of London*, which left Liverpool on Nov. 16 and Queenstown on Nov. 17, reached this port last night. The *Westphalia*, from Hamburg Nov. 15, via Havre, also reached her pier last evening. The latest news is fresher by four days' date than that previously at hand. We are once more indebted to Capt. SCHWENSEN, of the *Westphalia*, for additions to our foreign files.

IRISH HOME RULE.

Mr. Butt, M. P., at Glasgow.

On Nov. 14 a very crowded meeting was held in the City of Glasgow to hear Mr. BUTT, M. P., dilate on "Home Rule," especially in reference to Mr. GLADSTONE'S late speech at Aberdeen. The crowds anxious to obtain admittance were very great, and not one-half were gratified. A street fifty feet wide in front of the principal entrance was packed by an interested but orderly crowd. At least an hour before the advertised time the private entrance was quite besieged, and many ribs suffered, though not seriously. Mr. BUTT himself had the greatest difficulty in obtaining an entrance. Mr. BUTT in his opening remarks said the vast crowds present were a good omen for Ireland. He made his appearance in the hope, and his object was, to place both before the Irish inhabitants of Glasgow, and indeed the Scottish inhabitants generally, a plain statement of what was sought in the new movement for nationality of which the last year had witnessed the inauguration. He had faith and confidence enough in the strength and power of the Irish race to know that if they honestly took up that movement, determined to carry it through, they would do it. He had also, he said, faith in the wisdom of the British people, that if they made, not the aristocracy, but the masses of the English people who had no interest in opposing Ireland, understood that they sought nothing but what was fair and just, their voice would be turned in their favour in demanding fair play and justice for Ireland. An historical narrative followed, and in the course of his remarks he maintained that the Irish people could not have free institutions in Ireland without having a Parliament of their own; and having grievance, if the English Minister disregarded it, the people were easily likely to have another insurrection to remedy it. They had been told that the Church question was a great grievance, and that its abolition would satisfy the Irish people. How little they knew of the Irish people who said that! He washed to speak of Mr. GLADSTONE with every mark of personal respect, and he believed he had in his heart—and he (Mr. BUTT) only wished he would carry it out to the full extent—the good of Ireland. He believed they were under a Minister anxious to do good to Ireland. At Aberdeen Mr. GLADSTONE had asked, What do you want? The answer was, We want free government, without which no country is prosperous. He saw that day in a Scotch paper, and in the Leeds *Mercury*, something not very civil to himself; and Mrs. J. G. Truslow, W. C. Tuckerman, Miss Tuckerman, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tiffany, Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomsen, Mr. Tyler, Miss W. W. Thorp, Ronalus Thomas, Miss Taylor, Alfred Taylor. sides, it was actually said that the verdict lately given in Dublin called for the suppression of trial by jury in Ireland. On that jury were some of the most respectable men in Dublin. They were not sympathizers with crime; seven were Protestants, and all of them were men of whom no man in Dublin would believe they did not decide honestly according to their oath. This he was very very unwilling to say; but no more conventional etiquette would prevent him doing justice to his countrymen. He maintained the verdict was a just one, (that is, he said, right.) If that trial had taken place before an English jury—judging from the verdicts English juries have given—there would have been no hesitation in arriving at the same result. What he objected to was this, that English and other papers decided on evidence they did not hear, yet still they were calling for suppression of trial by jury in Ireland. Surely no English Minister of the present day would be mad enough to make such a declaration of war against the whole of Ireland. He believed in his conscience that if Irishmen could carry on a federal union, they would achieve all that the most ardent Nationalist could wish. It was the only chance of enrolling themselves together. What, then, were they to do? They ought to lay their case, and to spend some time in doing it, before the English people, and in that name he included the Scotch. He had confidence in the English masses, in their political wisdom and generosity, that if they appealed honestly to them, they would join Irishmen in their demands for Ireland. He hoped that at the next general election the National Party would be able to return at least eighty members pledged to home rule. He concluded by hoping that an association would be got up in Glasgow for obtaining home rule for Ireland; but, in the mean time, the local Irishmen should work every way they could by argument and reason; but on the day of action they should remember that they had the electoral franchise, and that they ought not to give it to any one who was not in favor of home rule. A vote of thanks was awarded to Mr. BUTT at the close of the meeting.

THE TICHBORNE CASE.

Examination of Witnesses for the Claimant.

The Tichborne Baronetcy case was resumed on Nov. 14, when additional evidence of identification was called on the side of the claimant. The witnesses were Capt. Jacob Sankey, R. N., who knew Roger Tichborne when he was quartered at Clonmel; Mr. James Holmes, formerly a private in the Sixth Dragoon Guards; Mr. Henry Maccalini, band-master of the regiment; Dr. David Leslie, who often dined with Tichborne when he was in the army; Patrick Barry, who was once in the Carabineers; Mr. R. H. Cohen, who had frequent opportunities of seeing Tichborne when a Cornet in the dragoons; Mr. J. P. Linder, who had been farrier in the G Troop of the regiment; Mr. J. Marks, also of the Carabineers; Martin Burke, a commissionaire; Mr. Timothy Marks, now a sergeant in the Sherwood Rangers; and Mr. H. M. Powell, formerly Roger Tichborne's music-master. On the following day the witnesses called were Mrs. Ann Noble, wife of the farm bailiff at Tichborne; Mr. Henry Noble, her husband; Rev. Thomas Meyrick, a Catholic priest in Bristol, who had known Roger Tichborne many years ago, and was with him at Stonyhurst; Mrs. Eleanor Smith, whose late husband was bailiff to a former baronet; Mr. James Howleston, who had been acquainted with Roger in his earlier years; Mr. William Cooper, a resident at Alresford, and Mr. William Bailey, landlord of the Anchor Inn at Beckley. The whole of these will positively to the identification of the claimant as ROGER TICHBORNE. During the day, in answer to a question from the Judge, Sergt. BALLANTINE said he could not say when this class of witnesses would be exhausted. It was impossible for him to limit his case, and as long as he had respectable witnesses as to identity he was bound to call them. "Then," said the Lord Chief-Justice, "you have no idea when your case will end." "Not the least," replied the learned Sergeant.

THE EX-EMPIRE.

Presentation of Gifts to the Empress Eugenie.

"On Nov. 14," says the London *Globe*, "we briefly announced that on Tuesday a deputation of residents in Paris had proceeded to Chiselhurst and made several presentations to the Emperor NAPOLEON for the Empress EUGENIE, who is now in Spain, being the eve of the Fête Ste. Eugénie. The testimonial, which consisted of several objects, comprised a bouquet, measuring some four yards in circumference, composed of camellias and other choice flowers, and encircled with a band of silver letters, stating that the bouquet was presented 'A la Countesse de Pierrefonds,' (the Empresses' French title.) This was the gift of the ladies of Paris, of whom a large number subscribed. Accompanying this was an album, massively mounted in gold, adorned with the Imperial arms, and containing the signatures of 25,000 of the middle classes, the merchants and manufacturers of the capital of France. Another bouquet, almost as superb as that sent by the ladies of France, was added by the officers of the Garde Impériale, while numerous smaller collections of costly flowers were forwarded by private persons. A deputation of fifteen ladies and gentlemen left Paris on Tuesday, arriving at Chiselhurst on Tuesday afternoon. They were received in the grand hall at Camden House by His Majesty and the Prince, when the subjoined address to the Emperor was read: 'Sire: We bring you the regrets of our country, of which we are the faithful echo. May your Majesty deign to convey them to Her Majesty the Empress on her return from Spain. It would have been grateful to us to have seen the features of our much-beloved Sovereign; but since fortune has declared otherwise, we shall wait to see Her Majesty in God's appointed time. Till then we shall hope on, praying for the happiness and speedy return to France of the Imperial family. Vive l'Empéreur! Vive l'Impératrice! Vive le Prince Impérial!' The Emperor, for a moment, seemed unable to reply, but at length said: 'I am extremely touched by the step which you have taken, and I beg you to thank, in the name of the Empress and myself, those who have subscribed toward these bouquets and this album. I also thank you for the kind wishes you have been pleased to express. Adieu! Au revoir!" Upon which the deputation and the Court joined in 'vivas' for the Imperial family, and the former left Camden House for London. Yesterday being the Fête Ste. Eugénie, it was expected that many of the Imperialists in France would assemble in the churches to pray for the return of the Empress. It was stated that, at some, announcements to that effect had actually been made."

THIERS' POLICY.

The French Executive on the Commercial Treaty and the Bonapartists.

The Paris correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* reports a conversation which he had with the President of the French Republic. The correspondent, alluding to the Commercial Treaty, told M. THIERS that a feeling was springing up in English commercial circles towards France which was, to say the least of it, to be deplored; M. THIERS said: The French Government is fully aware of what you state, and no one can deplore it more than we do. At the same time, permit me to say that I think the English nation has, as a rule, misunderstood both our reasons for doing what we are attempting and the details of the modifications we ask. The treaty consists of nearly a hundred articles; of these we only wish for a change in three, and even those three may some day be restored to their present condition. In all that regards iron, coal, mineral oils, beer and numerous other goods, we leave the treaty as it is; what we ask is a slightly increased tariff upon cotton, cotton goods, and cotton twist, so as to put them upon something like an equality with our own goods of the same kind, which (being greatly in want of money) we are obliged to tax more heavily than before. Your countrymen, who are by far the most practical people in Europe, hardly realize the enormous weight of the payments we have to make to Germany, and the stupendous expenses entailed upon us by the late wicked war. All these payments must be made; we must, above and before all things, keep up our credit and meet our financial engagements. Even our most determined enemies will admit this. But engagements cannot be met, payments cannot be made, without money; and the clearest-headed financial men in France admit that to increase the Saxon duty on unmanufactured goods—which must, of course, be met by a corresponding taxation of the same goods from other countries—is one of the most legitimate ways of putting ourselves in funds. Moreover, let me tell you—what I have never yet seen stated in any French or English paper, but which I know and can prove to be a fact—the Empire had before the war fully intended to modify the same articles of the treaty which we propose to touch, and to quite as great an extent. We are by no means enemies of the treaty; had we been so, we might have denounced it some months ago, and it would now have only a few months to run. If all negotiations fail, and we denounce it in February next, there will be a year before it comes to an end; but we hope and trust it never will come to an end. If it be denounced in February, we shall be able during the following year to come to an understanding respecting the modifications which we require to be made in it for the interests of France. And I believe that if the modifications we propose are carried out to the full the trade between England and France will not be diminished in the least. I have read in some of the English papers—and in your own correspondence from Paris—that in adopting this temporary Protectionist policy we are killing the bird for the sake of the eggs. This is a mistake. The utmost people can say with justice against our policy is that it bears heavily in want of funds, we are about to mortgage for a short time a valuable source of income. I know that our enemies are everywhere making the most of this act of what they term Protectionist policy. The partisans of the late dynasty have evidently stirred up the public mind against us in England as well as here. We value the friendship of England, and admire your great nation far too much to be indifferent to these things. But our tongues are tied. It is only in the Assembly that we can vindicate our acts, and foreign countries seldom read speeches on financial matters, or if they read them they do not take much interest in them. I repeat that commercial men in France, who are neither Monarchists, nor have been led away by those who wish them to misunderstand, the details of these proposed modifications in the Treaty of Commerce; and they will find that, if carried out to the full, the balance of trade between the two countries will not be one iota more unfavorable to them than it is now. And I am quite sure that when your men of business look at the subject from no other than a mere partial view they will be of the same opinion." The correspondent asked M. THIERS whether or not he believed in the stories of Bonapartist intrigues and an Imperial reaction. "In those intrigues I do believe," he said, "but not in any reaction. What is your opinion?" You see a certain many of all classes and opinions, and they don't hesitate to speak their minds before an Englishman; do you think there has been any reaction in favor of the Empire?" "I do not," I replied. "I have never yet met a man of any position in Paris, and still less in the Provinces, who said he wished to see the Emperor return. There are Parisian shopkeepers who say so, confessing their wishes to be inspired by the belief that there would be more money floating about, and that their gains would be greater than they are now. There are also journalists who talk loudly about the return of the Emperor, and declare that there is nothing else for France than personal government. But these men do not form the real opinion of France. Strangers in Paris read these journals, see only what is on the surface, know nothing as to how the wires are pulled or who pulls them, and give credence to what they see in print merely because it is in print." M. THIERS listened with attention to my remarks, and said he believed I had formed a true opinion of the matter. With respect to the articles that have appeared of late in some Ultra-Radical newspapers, M. THIERS was exceedingly cautious. He said that there was a point beyond which no Government—not even that of England, where every one had full liberty to say and to print his opinions—could permit the Press to transgress; but that great allowance must be made at the present time for the excited state of people's feelings, which would in time probably calm down. A few words respecting the greatly-improved discipline and appearance of the army naturally brought up the question of France's preparing for war. Nothing could be more decided than M. THIERS' expression to the effect that the country had need of a defensive, but certainly not of an offensive army; and that all her hopes of prosperity lay in a steady determination to maintain peace with her neighbors. I mentioned the reports that had got abroad in the French Press, affirming that M. THIERS himself hoped to be the instrument of avenging the disasters of the late war. He laughed heartily, saying that if those gentlemen, who seem

BOSTON GOSSIP.

Carl Schurz and the New "Movements"—Point-Blank Denials of Recent Sensational Statements—The Sale of the Hoosac Tunnel—Mr. Fitch's Mormon Lecture—The Practice of Polygamy—The Mormon Problem Solving Itself.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1871.

The fact that Senators MORTON and CARL SCHURZ are both in Boston this week, and have met some members of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation and other representative New-Englanders, is quite enough to set afloat various extravagant rumors of mysterious political conferences, and talks of momentous forthcoming "movements." But it is more than likely that the sole object of their visit here is just as publicly given out—to lecture Boston audiences. Simply that and nothing more. Senator SCHURZ seems to have had, thus far, while about town, about as much as he could do in denying the almost countless rumors concerning his movements. He says that the *Herald's* recent sensation based on the accidental presence of himself, Gen. BUTLER and Speaker BLAINE at the Fifth-avenue Hotel in New-York, was without the slightest foundation. He was in New-York but a few hours at the furthest, and on purely private business. He met BLAINE at dinner in the public dining-hall of the Fifth-avenue, and happened to come across BUTLER as he was leaving the hotel to take the night train for Washington. It was the night of the great storm, and BUTLER urged him not to leave, on account of the frightful state of the weather, adding that it was "a good night for a railroad accident." He, replying that he must go, and that he felt comparatively safe, having confidence in the management of the road, bade the General "good night," and went off, and that was all. Not a word about politics, not a thought about a "conference." And no one was more astonished at the profound "disclosure" than himself. He also denies knowledge of the widely-circulated *Herald* story of a Thanksgiving Day conference at Philadelphia or Baltimore, to organize an Anti-Grant movement, or anything else, and of other "movements" in which that paper makes him concerned. Concerning certain Western statements, he has something to say in the way of denial. The Cincinnati *Commercial* has said that the Senator mixed himself in the recent Gubernatorial election in Wisconsin, and made special efforts in Milwaukee, Washington, and Ozaukee Counties to defeat him, WASHBURN. "The Democrats themselves," it added, "see and acknowledge that it was in precisely those counties that they suffered the greatest loss, and that the German counties give the usual Republican majorities." Gen. SCHURZ said he did no such thing. He desired the election of WASHBURN and the defeat of DOOLITTLE. He does not work against Republican candidates, and on no consideration will he play into the hands of the Democrats. So far from mixing in Wisconsin politics, and going into the State to work against Mr. WASHBURN, he has not been there at all except long enough to deliver a lecture in Milwaukee for the benefit of the Chicago sufferers, arriving at 5 o'clock in the evening, and leaving on another train immediately after the lecture.

NEW-YORK AND THE HOOSAC TUNNEL.

The Governor and Council had a private hearing this forenoon on the subject of the sale of the Hoosac Tunnel to New-York parties. It is said that the offer originally came from Messrs. VAIL & ROBERTSON, of New-York, who are supposed to represent CORNELIUS VANDERBILT. It is understood that the Governor and Council heard today the officers of the Fitchburg and the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroads, who are the lessees of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, on the expediency of the proposed sale. They are represented as decidedly opposed to the sale. The authority under which it is thought the sale might be arranged is a law providing for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and the Hoosac Tunnel, which authorizes the Governor and Council to dispose of the interests of the Commonwealth in those enterprises. So great is the breeze raised by the Press disclosures of the movement that it is probable the Governor will do nothing beyond to refer the subject to the next Legislature. The New-York parties propose to give four million dollars for the enterprise just as it stands. There were today at the State-house waiting to be heard against the scheme some of the most prominent railroad men in the State. All the roads are said to be violently opposed to the sale, and many of the best citizens of the State, and very likely.

THE MORMON QUESTION.

Congressman FITCH of Nevada, who is just now prominent as the leading counselor and attorney of BRIGHAM YOUNG, lectured here last evening on what he terms "The Kingdom of Mahomet of the West," and endeavored to present Mormonism in a more favorable light than it customarily receives. He first told of the peculiar religious faith of the people, their wonderful growth, the constant addition of recruits and adherents from all parts of the earth, their wonderful physical achievements, and the originality and success of their financial system, and then by gentle degrees he approached the more interesting question of their practice of polygamy. Concerning this he said:

"I am not here to apologize for the Mormons, but I offer it as my candid opinion that the motives of those who engrafted polygamy upon a faith not otherwise especially obnoxious, were sincere and conscientious. The Mormon theology is essentially an Old Testament theology. The proverbs and the practices of the patriarchs are the subject of constant and careful study with their leaders. The government of the Jewish people furnishes them a model for both religious and secular affairs. They have their tabernacles and their tithing-houses, their stakes of Zion, their endowment-houses, their governors of seventy and their governors of a hundred. Their daily lives are as simple and as patriarchal as those of their Mosaic prototypes. It is a marvel then that polygamy should have been unburied from its ancient sepulchre by men whose eyes turn with greater reverence upon the hoary hieroglyphs of two thousand years than upon all the electric revelations of the nineteenth century? That they are struggling with an error of which they must unburden themselves we can but know; that they are honest in their error I cannot for a moment doubt. I believe that the great majority of the men and women who practice and uphold polygamy in Utah do so as a matter of religious conviction. I believe that in many cases the taking of a second wife is to the husband a painful religious duty reluctantly performed. I believe that as a rule the impelling motives with these people toward plural marriage are sacrifice and religious zeal rather than base, ignoble passions. Men and women alike seem to me only the self immolated victims of a cruel and uncompensating system of barbarism."

THE MORMON WOMEN AND POLYGAMY.

Mr. FITCH asserts that the great mass of the Mormon women are sincere and earnest believers in the righteousness of polygamy in the abstract. But, as a rule, they are not anxious that their husbands should add to the fold. The second wife is generally quite as vehement in protest against the advent of number three as was the first wife against number two. The last passenger who crowds into an omnibus on a rainy day is usually the first to cry out "all full," when a damp stranger appears at the door. Says Mr. FITCH:

"There is but little open remonstrance. The tacit regulation which gives separate apartments, with separate culinary arrangements, if not separate houses, to each wife, and allots to each one separate weeks of Lotharian devotedness, relieves the subject of temptations to domestic dissension. There are instances of polygamic families living together in perfect harmony. One such case was called to my notice where the second wife was the grandmother of the first. I heard of another case where number one, justly proud of her husband's social position and anxious for his spiritual welfare, insisted that he should seal unto himself numbers two and three. But a circumstance of this kind is considered to be a rare triumph of grace, and generally it may be asserted that the Mormon women tolerate polygamy rather than indorse it."

Mr. FITCH regards the lives of these Mormon women as little less than heroic. The idea most possessing the souls and shining in the lives of all is that of submission and expectation; submission to present cross—expectation of future crown.

BRIGHAM YOUNG.

Of BRIGHAM YOUNG Mr. FITCH entertains an exalted opinion:

"BRIGHAM YOUNG is unquestionably one of the boldest, most sagacious and capable of living men. He is an organizer, a harmonizer, a magnetizer. His power, self-instituted and self-poised as it is, is almost supreme with his followers. To suppose him an impostor, a trickster, a veiled fiend of Khorassan practicing his juggler's arts before the walls of Heaven and laughing at the delusion of his victims, is the greatest of misjudgments. It is impossible, divested of prejudice, to believe him other than a conscientious, benevolent man, who perhaps mistakes the reflections of his own observant, powerful brain for revelations from on high. * * * Under his direction myriads of wretched beings have been gathered from the crowded looms, the fever-haunted huts, the slums and the garrets of Europe, and given happy homes amid bending orchards and fertile gardens. * * * The Mormon who is faithful to his obligations delivers each season at the tithing-house one-tenth of all the labor of his hands, the growth of his acres, the result of his commercial ventures, or the increase of his flocks and herds. No system of taxation ever devised provides for exactions so enormous, and no set of tax-payers on earth submit so cheerfully and meet such demands with such scrupulous integrity and punctuality. And it may be added that nowhere else is money thus obtained used with so much wisdom and absence of display. * * * Unlike prominent leaders of political rings in the East, this man invests in power alone those gains which they squander in libraries they never read, and pictures and statues of whose æsthetic value they are utterly ignorant. His daughters' dowries are not displayed in their wedding-trains, and his sons visit the Atlantic States without a lounge at Saratoga and Long Branch, and tarry for months in Europe without acquainting themselves with the mysteries of *rouge-et-noir*. The Lion House, at Salt Lake City, the residence of Mr. YOUNG, is an unpretending two-story dwelling, with dormer-windows, inclosed within a six-foot wall, and well surrounded with trees. His private carriage is a rusty old rockaway, and his horses strongly indicate a former familiarity with the plow. Through his half-closed eyes, like a panther asleep, his great executive brain looks out upon the little world he has made, and orders its affairs with the sagacity of an industrial King."

THE "GODBEITES."

Mr. FITCH declares that there is no formidable schism in the Mormon Church, nor a grievous hiatus in the Mormon household, and this he regards as a strong argument for YOUNG's administration. Of the leader of the "Godbeites," the only religious seceders, he says he is an apostate polygamist, who proposes to surrender every feature of his former faith except the society of his four wives. "And I have not known," he adds, "of a single instance of a plural spouse resigning her percentage of interest in her lord to claim the sole proprietorship of any one of the many Gentile bachelors of Utah, who stand ready, with sympathetic hearts and protecting arms, to receive and comfort the vanguard of the Hegira, which will not come."

THE MORMON RELIGIOUS FAITH.

Concerning their religious faith, Mr. FITCH says:

"With the Mormons the expression has grown into a proverb that their religion commences where all other religions leave off. They accept the Old Testament entire with the Book of Mormon supplement. The New Testament they embellish with the revelations of JOSEPH SMITH. They have twined the crescent of Asia around the cross of Christendom. They have mingled SOCRATES with Moses, and Matthew with MOHAMMED. They have adopted PAINE'S *Age of Reason* as a postscript to LUTHER'S Nuttenberg declaration. They have combined the teachings of the Bible with the maxims of the Koran. Their religion is a theological *olla podrida*, a strange salad of bigotry and infidelity, difficult to comprehend and still more difficult to combat. The moral effect of their faith is as incongruous as its elements. With all their Hindoo submissiveness to their own authorities, their Saxon spirit of independence rises intolerant of outside interference. With all their fidelity to their own Church dogmas, they are as generally indifferent toward the practice of proselyting as the most respectable Universalist, asking nothing but obedience to the eleventh commandment, 'Thou shalt mind thy own business.'"

THE COURSE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO PURSUE.

Mr. FITCH believes that even while we speculate and denounce, the Mormon problem is solving itself. Polygamy has run its course. The railroad has struck it a blow whose effects may not be immediately apparent, but which are mortal, nevertheless. The power of progress is eating at its heart. The logical force of attrition is crushing it to powder. Isolation no longer serves as its protector. Already the Endowment-house, where, after the first, all additional brides are sealed, stands in silence and disuse. The proportion of plural marriages in Utah for the last year to that of any previous year, is as six to a hundred. The surest way to abolish the practice is, in Mr. FITCH's opinion, to leave it alone to die a natural death. Make a State of Utah, condone her past and admit her to the Union on condition that polygamy shall never be legalized or perpetuated. Encourage Gentile settlement. If their faith be assailed with armies, it will but consolidate and strengthen and infuse them with more ardent zeal. That they would resist force with force he does not question, and the contest would be in no wise insignificant. Of course the Government could conquer them, because it could exterminate them. But it would add millions to the debt, thousands to the muster-roll of the nation's dead, devastate a smiling country, retard for half a century the development of the great basin, would cause a disastrous interruption of that travel which is permanently growing in importance, and which promises, if undisturbed, to fulfill the dream of COLUMBUS and make America the new highway to the Indies, and, more than all, make of the Mormon women and children social outcasts.

A Hard Passage from New-York to San Francisco.

From the San Francisco Alta, Nov. 21.

The ship *Horatio Harris*, from New-York, arrived in port yesterday, having encountered a very rough trip. Following is her memorandum: Left New-York Jan. 7; when three days out in the Gulf Stream experienced a heavy north-east gale, lasting forty-eight hours; shifted cargo, causing the vessel to leak at the rate of from 100 to 150 strokes per hour. The leak continued up to April 23, in latitude 41° south, longitude 79° West; then experienced heavy gales, accompanied with a very heavy sea, which caused the leak to increase to 700 strokes per hour, and at the same time sprung mainmast head. After clearing this heavy weather and getting into more moderate weather, the leak decreased to 500 strokes per hour, and continued so until May 18, on the equator and longitude 111° west, and then with moderate weather and smooth sea the leak increased from 600 to 1,000 strokes per hour, and at the special request of all concerned the ship was squared away for Tahiti, it being the nearest available port. From the time of squaring away the leak increased from 1,000 to 2,000 strokes per day. June 1 being near the Marquesas Islands, and the crew about worn out with continual pumping, found it necessary to put into the port of Nukahena, (Marquesas,) where we arrived June 2, and on the 4th left for Tahiti with extra help to assist in pumping the ship. Arrived at Tahiti June 11, at which time the ship was leaking fifty-two inches per hour. Discharged the ship, hove down, stripped, caulked and reloaded, and sailed for this port Sept. 30. Thence had light winds from east-north-east to north-north-east to latitude 4° degrees south. Crossed the equator Oct. 12, longitude 140° west; thence to latitude 25° north, longitude 150° west, had light baffling winds, and was becalmed three days; thence to port had the wind from south-east to west. May 26, latitude 5° south, longitude 124° degrees west, Capt. BENJAMIN LOVETT was taken suddenly ill, and died after being in an unconscious state for thirty-six hours; supposed to be heart disease or apoplexy. He was a native of Beverly, Mass., and aged about fifty-five years. The ship *Horatio Harris* brought to this port as passengers eight prisoners, (Kanakas,) sent here by the Consul at Tahiti.

Recent Payments to Minnesota Indians.

The St. Paul (Minn.,) *Pioneer* of Nov. 24, publishes the following statement, obtained from Mr. JAMES BEAN, paymaster, and clerk of the recent party who made the annual Indian payments in that region, of the number in each of the different bands enrolled, and the amounts paid them:

Pembina bands—men, 127; women, 155; Children, 265; total, 447; cash payment, per capita, $8 50; a total of $4,649 50; surplus to Chiefs, $350 50; total cash, $5,000; goods, $4,000.

Red Lake bands—men, 265; women, 344; children, 440; total, 1,049; cash payment, per capita, $8 25; a total of $8,654 25; surplus to Chiefs, $1,345 75; total cash, $10,000; goods, $8,000.

Pillager and Lake Winnebagoshish band—Men, 572; women, 788; children, 731; total, 2,001. Cash payment per capita, $5, total of $10,000. Surplus to Chiefs, $661 66; total, cash, $10,666 66; goods, $8,000.

The Mississippi bands received $22,732, cash, distributed as follows:

At White Earth—Men, 101; women, 112; children, 383; total, 396. Cash payment, $3,960.

At Oat Point—Men, 176; women, 206; children, 282; total, 664. Cash payment, $6,640.

At Gull Lake—Men, 68; women, 95; children, 96; total, 259. Cash payment, $2,590.

At Mille Lacs—Men, 118; women, 153; children, 183; total, 454. Cash payment, $4,540.

At Snake River—Men, 67; women, 119; children, 198; total, 404. Cash payment, ($8 per capito,) $3,232.

Surplus to chiefs and claims in the above bands, $1,670, making the full amount of $22,732, and they were also given $3,500 in goods.

The heirs of the late chief HOLE IN-THE-DAY were paid $1,000, making a total cash disbursement of $49,393 66, and goods to the amount of $23,500. In addition to the above, considerable quantities of flour, beef and pork were distributed among the different bands.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

General Observances—Preparations for Feasting—How the Poor will be Cared For—Liberal Donations.

In accordance with the call of the President of the United States, and of the Governors of the several States, this day will be observed throughout the length and breadth of the land, as one of thanksgiving for the many blessings that we enjoy. In the different parts of the Union people will pass the day much in the same way, giving thanks in the morning and feasting in the evening. Here in the City the church bells will chime, and the doors will be thrown open to throngs of worshipers. Many a one will bless the Lord devoutly in that he assisted the efforts of the Reformers who have struck down corruptionists from their high places, and purged the proud City of its festering rottenness. For this the heartiest thanksgiving will be paid, not only in the churches, but beside the hearths of honest men. In Trinity, in Grace Church, in St. Thomas', and wherever fashion has decreed that its votaries may worship, the seats will be crowded. Silks will rustle, diamonds will glisten, and fair faces will be made doubly fair by the surroundings and the gentle excitement of the day.

When the services are done the worshipers walk briskly down the avenues, saluting friends and relatives at every stride. "Hallo, Brown, my boy, come and eat your turkey with us;" or, "Jones, old fellow, our cook has hysterics, suppose you take us in." These are the well-to-do to whom turkey is nothing extraordinary, and whose Thanksgiving fare is no better, if a trifle more elaborate, than what they eat every day. The friend who announces to Jones that their cook has hysterics thinks it a capital joke, and even the children consider the loss of a dinner rather a pleasant excitement than otherwise. To the working classes the dinner is the great thing, the point toward which aspiration has turned for weeks and weeks. A turkey on such occasions is a necessity, and the father who provides goose or beef, or even sucking-pig, will meet with black looks from the partner of his bosom. That excellent woman regards it as atheistic and wicked not to have a turkey on Thanksgiving Day, and says that the husband and father who does not procure one at all hazards is a being whom it would be simple flattery to call a man.

The grade below the working classes is one that works occasionally, and not very remuneratively then. It is a numerous band, recruited from many sources, some of them not unconnected with the hearty worshipers on the avenue. Turkey is here undreamed of, and a dish of meat is the hoped-for dinner. The sallow-faced, lean woman that keeps the household together, and collects scarce dimes by doing a little washing, has put by a little at a time, has pinched and scraped, and eaten bread without butter, and has drank tea with little sugar, so as to have a nice baked leg of pork, with plenty of potatoes. The shambling creature she calls John, and that possibly was a man years back, before rum took him, is decked out in a clean shirt, and blinks uneasily at the festive board, set out with a clean newspaper, the smoking pork, the steaming potatoes, and the plentiful supply of bread. The hungry children earning pennies as flower-sellers, match-venders, or boot-blacks, devour the dinner with their eyes long before it is ready; and when the word to sit at the table has been given, and the tired-out woman, in memory, perhaps, of better days, says a grace in honor of Thanksgiving, they fall to with a will, and that pork vanishes from the plate amid the deepest joy.

Below this class there is a terrible spectre band of wolves rather than human beings whom the frost pinches, whom the wind cuts, whom hunger tears. For these went up the prayers in the churches. For them there is no food, no hope, no mercy, save at the hands of the law, and from this they shrink, no matter how cruelly the wind whistles through their rags, or the wolf in their stomach bites and gnaws. When the crimson curtains in palace windows have been drawn, and the fire-light throws a glow through them, these larvæ of great cities linger outside with wolfish eyes. The Winter is terrible to them. It cuts off their supplies, and increases their needs. The shelter that sufficed for the summer now no longer can be endured. There are now no rotten peaches in the streets, no crusts of bread, no pieces of bread and butter thrown carelessly by children in the grass-plots, and appropriated by the hideous prowlers of the City. All is bleak—all is barren. Above, there is an iron-frozen sky that shuts out hope; below, there is the snow, which has at least this pity—that it will serve them for a winding-sheet. And yet they were prayed for. Do these that pray, then, really believe that God will work now in other ways than he has ever worked. His errands of mercy have been done from time immemorial through human hearts and by human hands. So must they be done today, if the prayers of our churches are not an insolent mockery of Him.

The Day Before Thanksgiving—Tons of Beef and Poultry Disposed of in the Markets—The City Unfortunates—The Benevolent Institutions.

The day before Thanksgiving at the various public institutions is one of the most interesting of the year. It is then that the responses to the appeals made in behalf of the beneficiaries come in. Elegant private carriages, containing benevolent patrons, drive up with packages and bundles, containing tea, coffee, pies, cakes, and other niceties; express-wagons with fruits and vegetables of ordinary sort deliver their loads; carts and trucks, full of meats, poultry, bread and other things to gladden the hungry poor, come in turn and give their quota.

At the Five Points Mission, on the site of the Old Brewery, preparations are made for a hearty Thanksgiving feast. Ample provision has been made to dine 600 children at the tables. Over 400 others will share in the distribution of what will be left of the dinner. At 2 o'clock there will be singing, dialogues and calisthenics by the children in the chapel, and popular speakers will follow with addresses. About 150 turkeys, besides beef and vegetables, pies, cakes and apples, will be used.

At the Five Points House of Industry, about 500 children will be dined. At 12 o'clock services will be held in the chapel; at 1 o'clock the dinner will take place, and from 2 until 4 o'clock there will be singing and other exercises. About 800 pounds of poultry, 200 of beef and mutton, and 300 pies, besides vegetables and other articles in abundance, have been provided.

At the Howard Mission great expectations were being realized. About 400 children will receive a substantial dinner. During the afternoon yesterday there drove up to the door a four-horse team, decorated with flags, and having a band of music. It was laden down to the axle, with 6,000 pounds of beef, mutton, pork, vegetables, &c., the gift of the members of the Communipaw Abattoir. The children assembled in the chapel and made it ring with echoes of musical welcome. About 100 turkeys and chickens were also contributed by various persons, besides pies, cakes, apples and other good things. During the afternoon the children will sing many of their finest anthems, glees and songs. Short, spirited addresses will be made by several gentlemen. At 1 o'clock the grand Hallelujah Chorus will be sung, after which the tables will be served. At the Newsboys' Lodging-house, in Park-place, Mr. O'CONNOR, the clever Superintendent, was kept busy in receiving and welcoming the bounteous gifts of many friends.

At the St. Vincent de Paul's Newsboys' Lodging-house, in Warren-street, liberal provision was made for a good time today.

At the City institutions there were appropriate arrangements made. The Commissioners of Charities and Correction do not celebrate this as a very general holiday, as is the case with Christmas, New-Years, and Fourth of July. On Ward's Island, Gov. STEVENS had an ample store of poultry, beef and vegetables. At Randall's Island the same preparations were made, and friends of the children, the idiots, the sick, the cripples, and the other unfortunates had sent various articles. In the hospitals extra allowances were made in all possible cases. In the penal institutions on Blackwell's Island and in the City prisons the Wardens have allowed a most bountiful supply of fresh meats, vegetables and plain pudding, but no poultry. At Bellevue Hospital Warden BRENNAN has exercised his proverbial thoughtfulness in preparing for all his sick and invalid patients. At the Ludlow-street Jail there has been a nice dinner arranged for. St. Luke's, the Roosevelt, the Presbyterian, the German and Mount Sinai Hospitals kind hearts have been busy in preparing a happy Thanksgiving hour for the afflicted. The Magdalens Homes have received many donations. St. Barnabas' Home, the Sheltering Arms, the Home of the Friendless, the Presbyterian Home, the St. Luke's Home, the Colored Home, the orphan asylums, and the deaf, dumb and blind retreats have each been recipients of generous presents.

The scenes and incidents at the delivery of all these stores were interesting and worthy the pencil of an admiring artist. Whether the benefactors or recipients were the most pleased is doubtful. But it should be stated that there is no overplus, and the friends of all these institutions mentioned will be welcome today with anything they can contribute. The public money due in some cases has not been paid, and there is pressing need of immediate help.

The Children's Aid Society, one of the most noble and extensive in our great charitable system, has made liberal arrangements. There will be five distinct entertainments at their lodging-houses. These are the Newsboy's Lodging-house, (before referred to,) in Park-place, the Girls' Lodging-house, at No. 27 St. Mark's-place, in Rivington-street, and in the Eleventh and Sixteenth Wards.

The managers at the Wilson Mission-house have received ample supplies for their celebration in the Industrial School, corner of Avenue A and Eighth-street. The dinner will be at noon.

The Protestant Half-orphan Asylum, in West Tenth-street, have received 100 pounds of poultry and other edibles, the gift of Mrs. CHAS. S. SPENCER. About 200 children will be fed bountifully.

The Juvenile Guardian Society have received a splendid supply from many friends, and will give a thanksgiving dinner at the principal school, No. 101 St. Mark's-place, near Avenue A, between 12 and 1 o'clock, and at their other school, No. 207 Bowery, between 1 and 2 o'clock. These schools are German schools, the scholars having been mainly gathered from the streets, who could not go to the common schools for want of clothing. The latter is generally furnished by the Society. During the past year 2,641 children have been benefited by the schools and various charities of the Society. Gen. FRANZ SIGEL and Hon. OSWALD OTTENDORFER are expected to be present.

New-York is never behind-hand in the matter of a liberal supply of market commodities, and yesterday Washington, Fulton and other markets were thronged to excess by purchasers preparing for today's celebration. There was more than the usual supply of poultry, all of which was readily disposed of at good prices. The vegetable and fruit departments were also overrun with demands. Altogether the day and the night were unusual in the animation of trade.

NOTES FROM THE PEOPLE.

Thanksgiving Day.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Apropos of the thanksgiving festival just at hand, I beg leave to congratulate you and all good citizens of Gotham upon the recent triumph at the ballot-box of popular rights and free institutions. If New-Yorkers ever had occasion to keep a day of thanksgiving, that time is the present. Let jubilant psalms of praise be sung in honor of Him who "hath gotten His people the victory." *Te Deum laudamus*, and let all the people say amen. Fill your temples of religion next Thursday with multitudes of glad and thankful worshipers at the altar of Him from whom all blessings flow, "who turneth the hearts of the children of men as the rivers of waters are turned."

At such a season as this it is most fitting for us to deflect the current of our thoughts away from the faithful men who, in stemming the tide of official dishonesty and battling for truth and duty, have acted only as instruments in the hand of God for the fulfillment of His own benevolent purposes. Certain am I that from the hearts of all, even of those who have been laboring the longest and the hardest for the accomplishment of those results in which we today rejoice, there comes forth spontaneously the exclamation of the Psalmist: "Not unto us, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy and for Thy truth sake."

As evidence of the interest which was taken by the Congregational clergy of this State in the struggle so recently closed, allow me to narrate the following incident: The annual Conference happened to meet at South Norwalk on the day which decided the long-pending question whether the people should rule or be ruined. Special mention of the election was made at the opening meeting, and earnest prayer was offered by many of the brethren to the end that God would speed the right. The next morning, when the New-York papers arrived, they were in great demand. The members of the Conference seemed for a time more interested in the news than in the proceedings of the session. Finally, one of the clerical gentlemen arose, begging leave to interrupt the exercises a moment, by proposing that the Conference give vent to their pent-up feelings of gratitude and joy through the medium of song.

"Let music swell the breese,"

was announced, and with one heart and one voice, all standing, we made the walls of that sacred building in which we were assembled ring and re-echo. The harmony of that song still lingers delightfully in the memory.

In giving thanks, as all the nation may well do, over this grand result, let our united prayers be, that the work of Reform thus begun may not rest where it now is, but may be prosecuted even to the end, until all offices of trust in City, State and County may be purified and purged from corruption, until our "officers shall be peace, our exactors righteousness," and our land become a mountain of holiness, a dwelling-place of justice and freedom. CLERICUS.

MILFORD, Conn., Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1871.

Interesting to Horace Greeley.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I was reading today (27th inst.,) an article in the NEW-YORK TIMES, signed "A New-England Republican," It so fully expressed my mind and feelings in relation to the present attitude of Mr. GREELEY to the Republican Party, and Gen. GRANT, that I shall possibly use very much the same language to express my mind.

I am no office-holder, and never held an office of any kind. I have been a constant reader of the *Tribune* since the first number was published, a great admirer of Mr. GREELEY in many respects, and up to the present time have defended him, many times, because I believed his acts (if wrong) were an error of the head and not of the heart. I am now compelled to confess that I am greatly perplexed to know what he is about. Whether the idea of his being a candidate for the Presidency has not run away with his better judgment, and that to attain this object he is willing to sacrifice his life-long work of the Republican Party, and go over body and breeches to the Democratic Party. Can this possibly be so? It certainly has that look. It is now over fifty years since I came to the City of New-York to live, and during the whole of my life (since I was a voter) have I voted the Republican ticket, believing that by so doing I was promoting the good of the greatest number of my fellow-citizens, and am happy to say, found myself by the side of my old friend HORACE GREELEY, battling for what we thought was for the right. It is very clear to my mind that the time is near at hand when Mr. GREELEY and I must part, as he seems to be willing and ready to sacrifice the Republican Party rather than give up the candidacy for the Presidency. AN OLD-LINE WHIG.

MINNESOTA.

Gov. Austin's Triumph in the Election—A Friend's History of the Campaign.

Correspondence of the Chicago Journal.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 24, 1871.

The returns from the late annual election in this State are now about all in, and they show a majority of upwards of 15,000 for Hon. HORACE AUSTIN for re-election as Governor, Hon. W. H. YALE, for Lieutenant-Governor, has a little over 16,000 majority, the rest of the ticket running about the same. This majority to the Governor is, to every one, a most surprising result, when the fact is considered of the having, at his first election, barely 2,000 majority on a full vote. The reasons for the increase of his popularity and his majority are briefly these:

First—His veto of the Land Division bill last Winter.

Second—The weakness of his opponent, WINTHROP YOUNG, of St. Anthony.

Third—The extraordinary efforts of the Democracy, aided by the land grabbers, to prevent it.

The basis of this last effort, as you have been meagrely apprised of by the telegraph, was a malicious libelous charge made against the Governor by the friends and home organ of Mr. YOUNG, who accused the Governor of having received a bribe of $5,000 from the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad Company for signing what is known as the Stahlman bill, last Winter. This charge was specifically made in YOUNG's home organ, the St. Anthony *Democrat*, about ten days before election. The statutes of this State do not provide for a criminal action for libel, and of necessity civil actions, brought to recover damages simply, would have necessitated a delay in the courts beyond election, and the undecided question of the integrity of the Governor would have been exceedingly unfavorable to the Governor in the campaign. An action was, therefore, brought against the libeller under the common law, and the result of examination was the issuing over of the prisoner GRAHAM in the nominal bond of $500 until the November term of the District Court. The examination also developed the fact that Gov. AUSTIN did borrow of a banking-house in Philadelphia, interested in the Lake Superior and Mississippi Road, $5,000, for which he gave his note and mortgaged about $10,000 worth of property. Had it not been for this episode and the interest attaching to the trial, the vote would have been far smaller, and the Governor's majority smaller. The people throughout the entire State seemed, without much regard to party lines, to rise and rebuke the slanderers. In what are known as land division districts, his name was cut, but the losses in these were far more than counterbalanced by the vote in those sections not interested, and therefore not favorable to land division.

THE COMING SKATING SEASON.

A Long and Brilliant Line of Sport Anticipated—The Parks, Lakes, Rinks and Ponds.

The weather-wise have predicted an early, severe, and protracted Winter siege of storm, cold and varying winds. Last year the preparations for Winter sports did not commence until the first week in December. Now, however, the note has already been sounded, and arrangements for the pleasures of the ice and snow fields have been begun. To give any accurate estimate of the number of skaters in the Metropolis is almost impossible. The Police, whose frequent vigils afford them ample opportunity for careful calculation, say that 20,000 have been "on ice" simultaneously on great carnival nights in the Central Park. Five thousand is not an excessive figure for the number of those who have at the same time been on other ponds, including the great Third-avenue Empire Rink, the New-York Club Rink, and sundry others. But a few years ago only a few persons paid any regard to skating, and the spectacle of a lady on skates was a novelty. Gradually there was a change, and many of the young people began to try their agility and grace on the glassy ponds. At first it seemed but a school-boy amusement, into which the girls were drawn out of curiosity and mischief. But as soon as it became observed that a female figure, jauntily attired, gliding over the ice with graceful speed and coy motion, presented a charming appearance, and that the meanderings to and fro of couples or groups was not only delightful recreation, but profitable for physical and mental considerations skating by women became very popular. Added to other reasons were the favorable opinions expressed by physicians. It is stated that this exercise has been very effectual in relieving many persons suffering from the ills of sedentary habits. With good judgment, moderate indulgence, comfortable garments, proper protection of the feet, and excellent skates, there is nothing better calculated to invigorate the body, stir the blood, clear the lungs and brain, than a good hour or two on skates. Skimming over the slippery crust with the speed of the antelope, every muscle brought into action, the frosty breeze whistling through the hair, the blood tingling through the veins and the pure oxygen rushing in and out of the chest, while the cheeks are tinted with carnation and the eyes glistening with light, gives the most delightful sensation. This fact has been very generally realized. During the last two Winters the sport has grown rapidly in popular esteem. The hardware dealers have sold a much larger stock of skates each season since 1868. A great deal of artifice has been employed to popularize the sport. Music, illumination, pyrotechnics, races, contests of skill, and awards of prizes, successively were introduced. Rinks were then built, and improved and patented methods for freezing ice in inclosures, as well as new designs for skates and straps were invented. The scene upon the great lake in Central Park, on a cold Winter night, is a most charming one. The snow-covered hillsides and lawns, and the adjacent boulevards alive with swiftly-moving sleighs, the lake gleaming perhaps with brightest moonlight and reflecting the ruddy glare of flaming gas-jets, the thousands of skaters gliding and darting in every direction, and some bearing colored lanterns; the air jingling with the tintintabulation of sleigh-bells, and echoing with happy voices, combine to present a panorama of surpassing brilliance. More attention to decoration and artificial effects is given at the rinks, where dazzling light, colors, and many conveniences are supplied.

The three ponds in the Central Park devoted to skating are opposite Fifty-ninth-street, Seventy-fifth-street, and at the extreme northern limits. The work of erecting the houses, which are put up every Fall and taken down again in the Spring, has already been commenced, and will be completed to-morrow. They contain reception, dressing and refreshment rooms, and other apartments for ladies and gentlemen. These are properly furnished and made very comfortable. The Empire Rink, at Sixty-third-street and Third-avenue, will not be opened for skating purposes until just before the holidays. It will accommodate about 1,000 persons on the ice and many more spectators. There are no other skating-ponds of any consideration in the New-York Club Rink last year was located at Forty-sixth-street and Fifth-avenue, but the ground has since been built upon, and at present the Club have no new location decided upon.

A project is now under discussion to build a large rink over the sunken block on Fifty-ninth-street and Fifth-avenue. It is unlikely that this will be done, because the space is insufficient, and the location undesirable in comparison with that of the Central Park. The space in the Park can be considerably increased by the use of more water. Probably all or nearly all of the skating will tend to the Park. Three ponds of insignificant dimensions will be used in Harlem.

A very important feature of this Winter's programme is announced in regard to the Central Park transportation conveniences. The carriages and sleighs—according to the weather—will run from the entrances to the skating grounds from early morning until midnight, and the fare will be five cents each way. It is said that the Police arrangements will be even better than last year, and women and children will be afforded plenty of space to skate and ample protection from all annoyance.

Across the water on either shore ample arrangements have been made. Prospect Park in Brooklyn affords greater facilities, in point of space, than we have in any one spot in this City. The lake there is over a mile in length and half a mile in breadth, accommodating 20,000 persons at one time and place. This week the usual preparations, in the way of erecting the shelter cottages, will be commenced. The Capitoline pond and the Brooklyn Skating Rink are both favorite resorts, and will be completely overhauled next week. The former workmen have already announced their intentions. Each place will accommodate over 1,000 persons and provide every desirable comfort. The Jersey City Rink is a spacious and well-favored resort. It will be improved and made ready before the 25th inst.

Of the skating clubs in this City, the New-York Club is the largest, having nearly 300 members. The Empire Club has about 150, and several smaller and less pretensious clubs number from forty to sixty members each. The Brooklyn Club has about 150 members, and the Jersey City Club about 100. Activity is noticeable everywhere, and a very brilliant season may be expected.

It is said that the Grand Duke ALEXIS is an accomplished skater, and learning of this fact, as well as that several of his suite are adepts in the same art, the project has been started to get up a grand skating carnival in his honor. In view of the early formation of proper ice at Central Park, plans have been prepared to make a grand display of evergreen and floral decorations and other adjuncts for a brilliant success. If the necessary permission can be obtained of the Park Commissioners, it is understood from one of the Russian Reception Committee that the Duke will accept the proffered honor, but it is uncertain whether he will appear on skates. A committee composed of prominent members of our skating clubs intend to invite all the American experts to be present and show our distinguished Russian guests what big things on ice the Americans can do. The delegates from the various clubs will hold an informal meeting at the head-quarters, Nassau-street, to-morrow. It is proposed to hold the carnival both afternoon and evening. The champion feats will take place in the afternoon.

SNOWED IN.

A Night in the Snow—A Railroad Passenger's Account of his Night Experiences in the Far West.

From the Denver (Col.) News, Nov. 19.

The narrow-gauge road beyond the divide was severely blockaded by the storm of Thursday night and Friday morning, and the return trip of FRANK HODGES' train Friday consumed nearly eighteen hours' time. From a passenger who "came through" we gather the following particulars:

"The train left Colorado Springs at 3:40 Friday morning, having been delayed on the downward trip by snow-drifts in the cuts beyond the divide. Col. BORST, Division Superintendent, was on board, and telegraphed for an extra engine to meet the train as soon as possible. A force of track hands armed with shovels accompanied the train, and by dint of active and persistent shoveling about nineteen miles was accomplished before dark, when it was found necessary to send a retreat for the purpose of securing water for the gallant little engine. But for this mishap the train might have gained the summit of the divide in an hour or two at farthest, but the fierce wind, which never ceased to blow, drifted the snow back into the cuts again, and the train was compelled to fight its way from Monument to the summit, every cut being filled in level with the surface.

The hours wore away very slowly, as well for the impatient, hungry and sleepy passengers as for the brave conductor and his little army of shovelers. The night was bitter cold; even by the roaring fire in the cars, men, women and children shivered, grumbled, swore, slept, snored and otherwise amused themselves, while in front the hardy pioneer corps shoveled and swore according to their several abilities. Inch by inch the train moved along: now backing and 'butting;' now going ahead a mile or two, and now standing motionless for an hour at a stretch.

Meantime the second engine had come up, and it was hoped their united

SAVINGS BANKS.

Their Inherent Defects and the Way to Remedy Them—Absolute Security Only to be Had by a Lower Rate of Interest—Examples in Point.

Recent occurrences in relation to savings banks forcibly draw our attention to the subject, and some prominent considerations in relation to them may be presented at this particular time with more than ordinary advantage. There are three striking evils in the system of savings banks in this country: First—The deficiency of security to the depositors. Secondly—The improper mode of investment of the deposits. Thirdly—The large rate of interest promised to the depositor. Let us consider these in their order.

That the relation of the bank trustees to the depositor should be only that of an ordinary private banker to his customer, is a great error. The working classes, small store-keepers, clerks, farmers, and country people, with their wives and families, are the principal depositors in these banks. The prevalent idea among them is that, in some way, the State is responsible to them for the return of their money when required, and for the regular payment of its interest, whereas in fact they have no other security than the personal responsibility of the trustees, and the power of the Courts of law over the aggregate funds and assets of the bank, when the action of the Courts is called into operation upon its insolvency. The serious extent to which those funds are, in that event, impaired by law costs, receivers' fees and otherwise, is but too obvious; and, besides that, the "law's delay" is literally ruin to the poor depositor. Until quite recently, the same erroneous idea that the State was responsible for the safety of the deposit, was entertained by the lower classes of the community in England; but some lamentable failures of savings banks in Yorkshire and elsewhere drew attention to the subject, and led to the establishment by the Government of the system of Post-office Savings Banks, under which deposits may be made with the Post-master of the district, and the depositor obtains Government security for his principal and interest. This improved system, while it affords absolute protection to the poor depositor, and preserves for him his slender savings without the possibility of risk or loss, or a moment's delay in its return when needed, is worked with scarcely any expense to the Government, and yields to the National Treasury, in aid of the national expenditure, the profit upon the investment of the deposits which, in this country, goes into the pockets of the bank officers and their employes. Since this improved system for the protection of the poorer class of the depositors—and they form at least four-fifths of them all—was established in Great Britain, the amount of the deposits in the private savings banks has materially decreased, and millions of pounds sterling are now held by the Government for the benefit of poor depositors, whose savings were heretofore in some degree of hazard in the hands of the private banks.

There seems to be no reason whatever why such an improvement on the present system should not be introduced for the smaller class of savings, at least, into this country. The mode in which the deposited funds should be invested is of the gravest consequence to the depositor, and yet, good, easy man, while he receives his interest regularly and can get back such portions of his money as he may from time to time ask for without delay or trouble, he thinks nothing of all that part of the business. But the whole pith and essence of the thing lies there. He receives his high rate of interest when he calls for it, and thinks what a fine remuneration he is getting for his money, but in this country his peril actually begins with the high rate of interest on which he congratulates himself; begins and ends and is centred in that one thing; for it produces the other evils in the American system of savings bank which will be presently mentioned. Six per cent. per annum is the rate of interest promised to the depositor, and paid while the machine runs smoothly and in gear. But six per cent. is too much when that is the almost legal rate that the deposits can be made to earn is but seven. For, out of the difference (a mere one per cent. per annum) have to be paid a large staff of officers and clerks, the rent of gorgeous offices, and a multitude of other expenses; and to meet these all sorts of operations and (not "to put too fine a point upon it") of speculations, outside of legitimate and sound banking business, have to be ventured on. Operations "on the Street" must of necessity sometimes throw the money into "the gutter." These take the form of transactions in bonds and shares, of loans on call, or on deposits of collaterals, which often on a falling market get "hung up," with what results the depositor or depositor's heirs, times of distrust or of commercial pressure arrive, needs no comment.

But assuming that no such improper investments are sought by the bank, and no speculation whatever indulged in, the only legitimate, and the only possible way of investment by which the high rate of interest required for the depositor can be obtained, is by investment on bond and mortgage of real estate at seven per cent. per annum interest. More than that rate cannot in this State be legally taken. But the evil—nay, the peril—of this mode of investment is that the sum invested must be put up on a year's time, at least, positively incapable of realization when the sudden pressure comes, except at a ruinous rate of discount, which the poor depositor, most probably, in that event, has to pay. Here another illustration of the English system in regard to Savings Banks, will not be out of place. No investments on mortgage, no loans on call, no advances on deposit of collaterals, or any other "operations" are permitted. Nothing but investment in the Consols, the government funds which constitutes the largest portion of the national debt. And even on this form of investment, which yields a trifle over three per cent. per annum, the rate of interest paid to the depositor by the bank, leaves a larger margin than one per cent. per annum for its security; and, on an emergency, Consols can be sold out and realized in half an hour, to satisfy any amount of "run" on the bank, and with a very slight loss on the investment even in the worst time of commercial panic. It should be stated, however, that a run on a savings bank there is pretty well impossible, in consequence of the general system requiring a certain term of notice for the withdrawal of deposits. Would it not be a wise thing to require the funds of the savings banks in this country to be invested in a similar manner in the Government funds and securities only? And would it not be wise also on the part of the depositor, for him to be content with a less rate of interest, in return for the absolute security which he would then possess, that in the most tempestuous sea of financial trouble to which his vessel might be exposed, she would have to throw little if any of her cargo overboard, and would come to harbor safely and bravely for him and the dear interests which are identified with him?

In sad and serious times like these, when the love of money is the canker-worm that is eating rapidly into the hearts of our country, when public virtue is being rapidly corrupted by private vice, when utter want of integrity both in high places and in low is becoming so lamentably visible as to justify create an amount of alarm which may culminate in wide-spread distrust and ruin, every intelligent American should reflect upon such subjects of public economy as the one we have glanced at now, and others of similar character, in their forms or their results, for they affect very widely, for good or for ill, the best interests of the community, and, although he may have been hitherto indifferent to them, the pressure of the time now calls them, trumpet-tongued, to his attention.

Bryan McCahill's Will Admitted to Probate.

In the matter of the contested will of BRYAN MCCAHILL, which has been for several months before the Surrogate, and the testimony in which has been from time to time reported in the TIMES, a decision was rendered yesterday in favor of the proponents. The deceased left property to the amount of about $200,000, and his will was contested on behalf of his widow and a surviving sister and her six children, on the ground of the testator's incapacity to make a will; the insufficiency of the execution; that its execution was procured by fraud, imposition, restraint, coercion, and undue influence practiced upon the decedent by THOMAS J. MCCAHILL and JAMES BRADY, named as executors and legatees in the will.

Surrogate HUTCHINGS concludes his elaborate opinion in the case as follows:

My conclusion, upon the whole case, is that the allegations of the contestants against the instruments in question have not been substantiated; and that the proponents are entitled to a decree admitting to probate the propounded will of the 30th of November, and codicil thereto of the 17th of December, 1870, as to both real and personal estate.

Unfounded Rumor of the Arrest of Mayor Hall.

About 11 o'clock yesterday morning Mr. WHEELER H. PECKHAM obtained the signature of Judge BRADY to a law paper, and straightway it became rumored abroad that it was an order for the arrest of Mayor HALL. The movements of Mr. HALL seemed to favor this supposition, as he remained closely shut up in his private office for some hours, then visited his law partner's office, and finally went over to the Sheriff's Department in the new Court-house, where he remained some time. The Sheriff's arrest clerk, when asked whether he had any news, assumed a mysterious air, and said that later in the day he would probably have something of importance. Nothing came of all this, however. The Mayor said he had heard the rumors of his arrest, but that there was no truth in them. His visit to the Sheriff's office, he added, was on business connected with the firm of which he is a member, and that so far as he knew, no further legal proceedings against him were contemplated. The Sheriff, on being visited just before his office closed, said he had nothing new to communicate.

OBITUARY.

The Late A. P. Cumings.

Probably no part of college statistics presented at the annual Commencements is more deeply interesting to former graduates than the report of the deaths of Alumni, who year by year are passing away. Among those just now reported at Union College, (my Alma Mater,) none was better known or more respected by the friends of the institution than "A. P. CUMINGS, of the Class of 1832." Very few Commencements have occurred since his graduation at which he has not been present, while in other ways he has manifested an ardent and continued interest in the College. The history of his career contains some useful lessons which ought to be preserved for those who are coming after us.

Mr. CUMINGS was the son of a respectable farmer of Scotch descent, in Central New-York, and labored with his father in the same capacity till the age of twenty-one. But an ardent desire for an education (beyond what he had gained at the Winter schools of his neighborhood) constantly inspired him. And, prompted by a desire for usefulness, without pecuniary aid from any source, he "worked his passage" through two years of preparation, and a three years course in college; graduating with the first honors of his class. He subsequently passed two years in Princeton Theological Seminary, with a view to the ministry as a profession.

Feeling the disadvantages resulting from having commenced his academic course so late in life, especially in public speaking, he was induced to enter another field of usefulness. He had supported himself, during the last three years of his studies, by obtaining subscribers for the New-York Observer during his vacations, and soon after completing his course he accepted a proposal to become associated with Messrs. S. E. & R. C. MORSE in the proprietorship and publication of that paper. But for Mr. CUMINGS' willingness to remain unrecognized, he would have been long known to the patrons of the Observer as the business manager of the concern. Both his partners being many times absent, either residing or traveling abroad, he held his post for more than twenty-five years without a month's continuous absence at any time.

Having a decided partiality for horticulture and agriculture, and much practical knowledge, as soon as his means would permit he resided on a farm in Westchester County. Here he was able to indulge his passionate love of nature, and to gratify to some extent his highly cultivated taste, and at the same time to furnish the results of his experiments, in imparting valuable information to the readers of the paper. In this way he initiated the "Agricultural Department."

Mr. CUMINGS was a Christian gentleman. He did not live for himself only, but devoted his life and his means (in a most unostentatious manner) to imparting good and contributing pleasure to others. No person despised more than he those miserable shifts by which some men, even those "professing and calling themselves Christians," seek their own advancement to the disadvantage of others. He lost no opportunity of aiding and encouraging the institutions of philanthropy and religion. Having obtained his education solely by his own efforts, he was very fond of putting young men in the way of helping themselves, and thus assisted many into the ministry and other professions. He was chiefly instrumental in organizing a Christian church, now large and influential; assumed the responsibility of building the edifice, and for a time sustained the stated ministry in it. He was for twenty-two years one of the managers of the American Bible Society, and the testimony of respect entered in which he was a party, of the fidelity and devotion of Mr. CUMINGS to the interests of the Society, were strongly expressed in the resolutions of the Board upon the announcement of his death.

In days when honest men were more sought for than now, Mr. CUMINGS was often solicited to be a candidate for important offices of trust and responsibility, and to represent the people in the Legislatures of his country. But he had no taste for a political career. And while holding the power of the Press in his hand he never considered notoriety, in his civil or religious life, an essential element in doing good. About a year ago, in company of his wife and two young grandchildren, on a tour through Great Britain and several countries on the Continent. After two months of travel and laborious sightseeing in Italy, the party sought a resting-place at Nice, in the south of France. Here Mr. CUMINGS was attacked with paralysis, the result, in the opinion of learned physicians, of an overdose of chloroform, administered before a surgical operation in Scotland, a few months previous. And after three weeks of hope and fear with regard to his recovery, his noble, generous heart ceased to beat, and a life of uncommon energy and ceaseless activity terminated.

In the English cemetery of "Caucada," on a hill overlooking the Mediterranean, amid a flora of unrivaled beauty and surrounded by olive groves, the American traveler visiting that lovely region for health and pleasure, may find a stone inscribed "ABIJAH P. CUMINGS, of New-York, U. S. A., aged 68."

The tears of the children whom he has educated, of the widows and orphans he has befriended, of the "sick and in prison" he has visited, of the "strangers he has taken in," of the servants of his own household, will not fall upon that grave. But the memory of such a man will live in a multitude of hearts.

Union College has sent forth many who have made themselves more widely known. Few have made their mark more durably. None have left a better record. ALUMNUS.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT OF APPEALS CALENDAR.

ALBANY, Nov. 29.—The Court of Appeals has adjourned till Monday, Dec. 4. The following is the Day Calendar for Dec. 4: Nos. 315, 358, 179, 428, 443, 445, 446, 447.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—NOV. 29.

By Judge Brady.

Elizabeth J. Van Eten *vs.* Louis M. Van Eten; report of referee confirmed and judgment of divorce granted.

NOTICE.—All notes of issue for the first Monday December motion calendar must be filed on Friday, Dec. 1, 1871, at 3 P. M. By order of CHARLES E. LOEW, Clerk.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—NOV. 29.

By Judge Loew.

Manhattan Savings Bank *vs.* Trimble; motion denied, with leave to renew upon additional affidavits.

Lockwood, administratrix, *vs.* Loomis; motion for the discovery of books and papers denied.

Pouvert et al. *vs.* Godefroy et al.; case settled.

By Judge Larremore.

Rogers *vs.* Ogden; judgment for plaintiff for $1,043 52, five per cent. allowance.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

The hearing of causes on the Equity calendar of the October Term will be resumed on Monday, Dec. 4, at 11 o'clock A. M., in the United States District Court-room, and continue, if necessary, for two weeks.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART II.—NOV. 29.

Before Judge Larremore and a Jury.

Edward J. Shaw vs. *Jacob Thies.*—This action is brought by a father to recover $7,000 damages for the seduction of his daughter by defendant. Some testimony on the part of the plaintiff was given, when counsel for defendant entered the Court, and stating that he was not ready to proceed, owing to the absence of several material witnesses, the trial went off until next term.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—NOV. 29.

Before Judge Loew.

MOTION TO OPEN DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Charles Schloss vs. *Mary Schloss.*—The plaintiff obtained a decree of divorce against his wife, on the ground of adultery, she putting in no defence. Defendant now asks to have the decree set aside, and that she be allowed to come in and defend. Decision reserved.

Singular Disappearance.

Since Friday last, ROGER ROSSMASSAN, a Norwegian, from Sacramento, Cal., who for the previous three weeks had been stopping at No. 403 Greenwich-street, has been missing. On the 9th inst. he bought a large bill of goods, for which he paid cash, and has never called since to claim his property, and as he paid his passage on the steamer *Ida Grey*, which left port without him, fears are entertained that he has been foully dealt with. The fact that he had a large amount of money on his person to tempt the outlaws has increased the anxiety of his friends.

Delinquent Police.

Twenty-two patrolmen were arraigned yesterday, before Commissioners SMITH and MANIERRE. BERNARD DONAHOE, who charged Officer BROSNAN, of the Twenty-seventh Precinct, with refusing to arrest a man who had robbed him of $35, did not sustain his charge. The patrolman, however, was fined three days' pay for not reporting the case when he went to the Station-house. A charge against Roundsman THOS. BRADY, of the Seventh Precinct, for refusing to make an arrest on election day in an assault case, was referred to the Board.

Finance Department.

The sum of $260,000 was deposited by the Controller, yesterday, to the credit of the Police Department, to pay the salaries for November. Mr. WM. A. HERRING, City Auditor, resigned his position yesterday.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—NOV. 29.

FIRST BOARD.

$2,500	U.S.5-20 C.,'65,n.	113	
1,500	U. S. 5-20 C., '67.	114½	
2,500	do.	c.	114
10,000	do.		114¾
13,000	Tenn. St. 6s, N.		65¾
13,000	Tenn. St. 6s, old.		66
12,000	N. Car. 6s, O. B.		25½
27,000	S. Car. St. 6s, n., Jan. & July		35
10,000	do.		35¾
6,000	do.		34¾
16,000	do.		s60. 34
6,000	Mo. St. 6s		98
5,000	Mich. So. S. F. B.		100¼
1,000	Pac. 7s, G. by Mo.		102
28,000	Cen. Pac. G. B.		103½
20,000	Un. Pac. 1st		91
2,000	H. & St. J. 8s, C. B.		95
1,000	Ill. Cen. 7s, '75		105¼
1,000	Gt. West. 2d		85¼
5,000	do.		86
1,000	Qu. & Tol. 1st		87
3,000	Chi. & N. W. C.		103
10,000	Mor. & Es. 1st		102
1,000	T., P. & W. E. D.		92
7	Met. Bank		138
17	Bank of Com'rce		93
100	L. S. & M. So.		88¾
20000	N.Y.C.& H.Cits.		87

100	Con. Coal of Md.		43¾
200	do.		43¾
100	do.	b5.	44
200	do.	b. c.b5.	44
100	Quick. Min. Co.		25½
100	West. Un. Tel. b. c.		67¼
800	do.		67¾
100	Adams Ex.		85¾
100	Am. Mer. Un. Ex.		55½
100	do.		59¾
100	U. S. Ex. bet. call.		58¾
100	Erie.	b3.	30¾
100	do.		30¼
700	do.	b. c.c.	30½
100	do.		30¾
100	Chi. & N. W.		61¾
25	do.	b3.	61
70	C., C., C. & Ind.		85¾
20	N. J. Cen.		112
100	do.		111¾
100	do.		111
300	Chi. & R. I.	b. c.	103¾
20	P., Ft. W. & C.	G.	96½
100	Mor. & Es.		96¾
18	do.		96½
300	Tol., W. & W. b. c.		64¼
2000	Ohio & Miss. b. c.		42¾
500	do.	b10.	42½
300	do.		42¾

SECOND BOARD.

$5,000	U. S. 6s, '81, R.		116¾
25,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '62.		111
5,000	U. S. 5-30 R., '64.		104¾
3,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '64.		110½
7,000	U.S.5-20 C.,'65,n.		113¾
55,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '67.		114¾
3,000	U. S. 5s, 10-40 C.		109¾
500	do.		109¾
50,000	U. S. 6s, Cur.		113¾
15,000	do.		113¾
1,000	Tenn. 6s, old.		66
5,000	N. Car. 6s, new.		28
	Jan. & July		35
3,000	S. Car. 6s, new, April & Oct.		30¾
10,000	do.		30¾
5,000	Ark. 6s, F. & A.		53
2,000	N.Y. Cen. 6s,'83.		91½
1,000	Un. P. R. 1st.		91¾
6,000	Ced. R. & M. 1st.		83
100	W. Union Tel. b. c.		67¾
100	Quick. M. Co.		25½
100	Adams Express.		86
100	Wells-Fargo Ex.		57¾
100	W. & L. Rob. 3d pf.		45
400	Del., L. & West.		108¾
200	H. & St. Jo.		52¾

400	Clev. & Pitts.		122
100	Chi. & N. W.		61¾
200	do.	b. c.b3.	61¾
50	do.		61¾
100	Quick. Min. Co.		25½
100	West. Un. Tel. b. c.		67¼
800	do.		67¾
100	Adams Ex.		85¾
100	Am. Mer. Un. Ex.		55½
100	do.		59¾
100	U. S. Ex. bet. call.		58¾
100	Erie.	b3.	30¾
100	do.		30¼
700	do.	b. c.c.	30½
100	do.		30¾
100	Chi. & N. W.		61¾
25	do.	b3.	61
70	C., C., C. & Ind.		85¾
20	N. J. Cen.		112
100	do.		111¾
100	do.		111
300	Chi. & R. I.	b. c.	103¾
20	P., Ft. W. & C.	G.	96½
100	Mor. & Es.		96¾
18	do.		96½
300	Tol., W. & W. b. c.		64¼
2000	Ohio & Miss. b. c.		42¾
500	do.	b10.	42½
300	do.		42¾

500	N. Y. C. & H. R.		92¾
100	do.	s3.	92¾
50	do.		92¾
200	do.	bet. call.	92¾
20,000	N. Y. C. & H. C.		87¾
200	Erie Railway.	b3.	30¾
100	do.	b. c.b30.	30¾
1500	do.	bet. call.	30¾
300	Union Pac.	b. c.	27¾
200	do.	b5.	27¾
400	Clev. & Pitts.		125
16	do.	bet. call.	125
100	Chi. & N. W.	s3.	61¾
200	do.		62
100	N. Jer. Cen.		110¾
100	Chi. & R. I.		103¾
100	do.	s3.	104
100	M. & St. P.	b3.	55
100	do.		55¼
100	Ohio & Miss.	b. c.	42¾

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 29—P. M.

To-morrow being the National Thanksgiving Day, no business will be done in Wall-street, and no report of financial or commercial affairs will appear in this column in our paper of Friday morning.

In the Gold market today the sales opened at 110¼ and fell to 110¼ ₱ cent. There was a subsequent reaction to 110¾ ₱ cent., at which figure there was a fair degree of steadiness in the market for the remainder of the day. The bids for the Treasury Gold amounted to $4,095,000, of which $1,000,000 was awarded. The Treasury Office prepaid $4,000,000 in Gold on account of the Principal of 5-20s of 1862 sent to Washington for redemption. The Department is warmly commended for its promptness in examining these Bonds and returning Gold Warrants on New-York in advance of Dec. 1.

Exchange was held ½ ₱ cent. higher than on Tuesday by one or more of the leading Bankers for 60 days London, but much of the business was done at 109 ₱ cent.

The Money Market was easy at 6@7 ₱ cent. to the Brokers, and the talk and prognostics of a December pressure among a few of the Stock operators, who take a Bearish view of the market, excite very little attention. The prevailing belief is that there will be no such pressure beyond a full 7 ₱ cent. rate to the close of the Old Year.

The Public Funds were barely maintained under the cheaper Gold, and would probably have yielded in prices, but for the very strong demand for the 5-20s, and the old and new 5 ₱ cents telegraphed from London. In other departments the Stock Exchange was generally strong, and nearly all the New-York and Western Roads advanced on the average sales of Friday ½@1 ₱ cent. New-York Central, Lake Shore, Rock Island and New-Jersey Central were notably firm, and there seemed to be a renewal of movement in Ohios. The Pacific Mortgages were also strong; South Carolinas opened at 35, sold down to 34, and returned to 35 ₱ cent.

CLOSING PRICES—NOV. 29.

	Tuesday.	Wednesday.
United States 10-40s	109½	109½
United States 5-20s of 1862	111¾	111
United States 5-20s of 1867	114¼	114¾
American Gold	110¾	110¾
Bills on London, 60 days	109	109
N. Y. C. and Hudson	92	92½
N. Y. C. and Hud. Debt Ctfs.	87½	87¼
Reading	113¾	113¾
Chicago and Rock Island	103½	103¾
North-west Common	60½	61
North-west Preferred	89¾	89¾
Pacific Mail	46¾	46¾
St. Paul Preferred	78	78
St. Paul Common	54¾	55¼
Ohio and Mississippi	41½	42¼
Toledo and Wabash	63¾	63¾
Western Telegraph	67¾	67½
Erie	30¾	30¼
Union Pacific	27¼	27½
Lake Shore, Ex. Scrip	88¾	88½
Lake Shore, Scrip	82¼	82¼

At the close of business the Stock Exchange was dull, as usual on the eve of a Holiday. The above were the latest quoted figures.

TREASURY SALES OF GOLD, NOV. 29.

W. T. Hatch & Son.		J. B. Summerfield & Co.	
$5,000	110.40	$15,000	110.38
Jay Cooke & Co.		Trevor & Colgate.	
350,000	110.40	54,000	110.37½ to 110.38
Zerega & Co.		Kuhn, Loeb & Co.	
500,000	110.38½	76,000	110.37½ to 110.38
Total		$1,000,000	

The following prices were made for the various Public Funds of the United States at the close of business:

6 ₱ ct., reg., '81	126½	5-20 coup., n. l., '65	113¾
6 ₱ ct., coup., '81	117¾	5-20 reg., '67	114¾
5-20 reg., '62	110¾	5-20 coup., '67	114¾
5-20 coup., '62	111¼	5-20 reg., '68	114
5-20 reg., '64	110¾	5-20 coup., '68	114¾
5-20 coup., '64	111	10-40 reg.	109
5-20 reg., '65	111	10-40 coup.	109¼
5-20 coup., '65	111¾	6s Currency	113¾
5-20 reg., n. l., '65	113¼		

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, '83	91	Tol. & W. Eq. bds.	81
N. Y. Cen. 6s, '87	91	Tol. & W. Cons. Con.	86
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. Est.	86	Gt. West. 1st, '88	93
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Subscr'n	90	Gt. West. 2d, '93	85
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	100	Quin. & Tol. 1st, '90	91
Erie 1st Ext.	97	Gal. & Chi. Ext.	102
Erie 2d 7s, '79	93	Gal. & Chi. 2d	95
Erie 3d 7s, '93	90	Chi., R. I. & Pac.	103¾
Erie 4th 7s, '80	87	Morris & Essex 1st	116
Erie 5th 7s, '83	86	Morris & Essex 2d	99¾
B., N. Y. & E. 1st, '77	93¾	Clev. & Tol. S. F.	100
Long Dock bds.	92	N. J. Cen. 1st, new	103
H. R. 7s, 2d S. F., '85	106¾	N. J. Cen. 2d	100
H. R. 7s, 3d, '75	100	P., Ft. W. & Chi. 1st	106
Harlem 1st 7s	101	P., Ft. W. & Chi. 2d	100
Har. Con. & S. F. 6s	90	P., Ft. W. & Chi. 3d	96
Alb. & Susq. 1st bds.	101	Clev. & Pitts. 4th	85
Alb. & Susq. 2d bds.	92¾	Chi. & Alt. S. F.	96
Mich. Cen. 1st 8s, '62	116	Chi. & Alt. 1st	102¾
C., B. & Q. 8 ₱ c., 1st	110½	Chi. & Alt. Inc.	92
Mich. So. 7 ₱ ct., 2d	97	Ohio & Miss. 1st	101
M. S. & N. I. S. F. ₱ c.	100¾	Ohio & Miss. Con.	94
Pac. 7s, guar. by Mo.	102	Ohio & Miss. 2d	81
Cen. Pac. Gold bds.	103¾	Dub. & Sioux City 1st.	94½
Union Pac. 1st bds.	91¾	Peninsula R. bonds.	91
Union Pac. L. G. 7s	79¾	St. L. & Iron M. 1st.	92¾
Union Pac. Inc. 10s	81¾	Mil. & St. P. 1st. 8s	100½
Ill. Cen. 7 ₱ cts., '75	105	Mil. & St. P. 1st, 7 ₱ ct.	94
Alt. & T. H. 1st	96	Mil. & St. P. 1st	94
Alt. & T. H. 2d pf.	85	Mar. & Cin. 1st	95
Alt. & T. H. 2 Inc.	76	Chi. & Mil. 1st	95
Chi. & N. W. S. F.	100	Joliet & Chi. 1st	107
Chi. & N. W. Int. bs.	92¾	Col., Chi. & Ind. 1st	88¼
Chi. & N. W. Con. bs.	92¾	Col., Chi. & Ind. 2d	71¾
Chi. & N. W. 1st	99	Tol., P. & W., E. D.	92
Han. & St. Jo. Con.	94¾	Tol., P. & W., W. D.	89
Del., Lack. & W. 2d	96	N. Y. & N. H. 6s	97
Tol. & W. 1st, St. L. D.	86	Cedar Falls & M. 1st.	84¾
Tol. & W. 2d	91		

And the following for the Miscellaneous Shares:

Del. & Hud. Canal	121¼	Quick. Min. Co., Pref.	30¾
Maryland Coal Co.	24	Mariposa Min. Co.	1
American Coal	48¾	Mar. Min. Co., Pref.	1¼
Spring Mt. Coal	64	Adams Express	86
Con. Coal Maryland	42¾	Wells-Fargo Ex.	57¾
Cumb. Coal Iron	10	Am. M. U. Ex.	55¾
West. Un. Tel.	67¼	Pacific Mail	46¾
Quick. Min. Co.	25½		

Mr. CHARLES E. MILNOR, of the Banking Houses of Messrs. MORTON, BLISS & Co., New-York, and Messrs. MORTON, ROSE & Co., of London, withdraws from these firms and from active business altogether on the first of December, and we regret to add on account of ill health after an association of eight years with Mr. MORTON in his firms here and in London. Mr. GEORGE H. BOWDOIN goes into the New-York and London houses, Dec. 1, as junior partner.

Messrs. CLARK, DODGE & Co. will pay the December Interest on the Mortgage on the Tebo and Neosho Road.

The Bank of the Commonwealth will pay the December Interest of the Metropolitan Gas Company.

Mr. JOHN DUFF and Mr. C. H. MCCORMICK, Trustees to the Union Pacific Land Grant Mortgage, will purchase $50,000 of the Bonds, under sealed proposals, at Boston, Dec. 12.

The Farmers' Loan will pay the December Interest on the First Mortgage of the Toledo and Warsaw Road. The Interest on the Burlington Division of the same Road will be paid at the office of the Company, No. 80 Broadway.

Messrs. EUGENE KELLY & Co., No. 19 Nassau-street, will pay the December Interest on the First Mortgage of the Quicksilver Company of California.

Messrs. FRANK & GANZ, No. 52 Exchange-place, will pay the December Interest on the First Mortgage of the Kansas and Missouri Bridge.

Mr. MARQUAND, (Vice-President,) No. 120 Broadway, will pay the December Interest for the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Coad.

The earnings of the Indianapolis, Bloomington and Western Railway for the first week in November were $26,278 41.

The Union Pacific Road earned as follows, in October:

	Oct. 1871.	Oct. 1870.
Earnings	$777,362 96	$719,697 80
Expenses	395,322 31	346,604 28
Net earnings	$382,040 65	$373,093 52
	Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, 1871.	Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, 1870.
Earnings	$6,343,038 43	$6,552,344 09
Expenses	3,897,588 95	4,110,256 81
Net earnings	$2,345,449 48	$2,442,963 65

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SINCE OPENING, 10TH MAY, 1869:

	1st Fiscal Year. May 10, '69, to Apr. 30, '70.	2d Fiscal Year. May 1, '70, to Apr. 30, '71.	Six months of 3d Fiscal Year. May 1, '71, to Oct. 31, '71.
Earnings	$6,304,722 97	$7,353,991 33	$4,395,564 20
Expenses	5,797,098 56	3,898,704 26	1,985,744 26
Net earnings	$2,567,493 94	$3,425,287 09	$2,450,219 94
Per c'ge of ex'pens.	69 30-100	53 16-100	44 13-100

The earnings of the Pacific Railroad of Missouri were:

Second week in November, 1871	$78,614
Second week in November, 1870	76,603
Increase	$2,011
Current year commencing 1st March, 1871	$2,870,855
Current year commencing 1st March, 1870	2,574,771
Increase	$95,884

The business at the office of the United States Assistant Treasurer, New-York, in November, was as follows:

Oct. 31, 1871—By balance	$80,598,314 98
Receipts during the month:	
On account of customs	$9,962,947 02
On account of gold notes	11,254,500 00
On account of internal revenue	490,993 19
On account of three per cent. certificates	10,000 00
On account of Post-office Department	117,991 91
On account of warrants	8,774,314 01
On account of patent fees	2,013 75
On account of miscellaneous	8,528,626 99
On account of disbursing accounts	17,891,436 83
On account of Assay Office	252,947 36
On account of interest accounts, viz.:	
In coin	12,963,049 23
In currency	70,249,320 29
Total	$150,847,635 27
Payments—	
Treasury drafts	$49,322,845 02
Post-office drafts	324,823 13
Disbursing accounts	8,411,108 88
Assay Office	457,203 37
Interest accounts, viz.:	
In coin	12,963,049 23
In currency	71,479,029 63
Balance	$79,368,605 64
Balance to credit Treasurer United States	$69,860,267 54
Balance to credit disbursing accounts	18,242,382 99
Balance to credit Assay Office	1,265,985 11
Balance to credit interest accounts, viz.:	
In currency	79,368,605 64
Receipts for Customs in the month of November, 1871	$9,962,947 02
Receipts for Customs in the month of November, 1870	$9,576,224 42
Receipts for Customs in the month of November—Increase 1871	$376,722 60

The following is a statement of business at the United States Assay Office, New-York, for the month ending Nov. 29, 1871:

Deposits of Gold	$660,000 00
Foreign coins	$9,000 00
Domestic coins	31,000 00
United States bullion	620,000 00
Deposits of silver, including purchases	319,000 00
Fine silver bars returned for coins	31,426 34
Foreign coins	5,573 66
Foreign bullion	23,000 00
United States bullion, (contained in gold)	8,000 00
United States bullion—Utah	18,000 00
United States bullion—Colorado	48,000 00
United States bullion—Lake Superior	85,000 00
United States bullion—Nevada	60,000 00
United States bullion—Montana	6,000 00
United States bullion—Nebraska	14,000 00
United States bullion—San Francisco Refining Works	40,000 00
Total deposits—payable in bars	$652,000 00
Total deposits—payable in coins	327,000 00—$979,000 00
Gold bars stamped	823,201 33
Silver bars stamped	271,597 32
Transmitted to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, for coinage	439,707 08

The North-West Road.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The dividends on the Chicago and North-west Railroad Stocks for the past three years have been as follows:

	Common Stock.	Preferred stock.
December, 1868	5 ₱ cent., cash.	5 ₱ cent., cash.
June, 1869	5 ₱ cent., cash.	5 ₱ cent., cash.
December, 1869	4 ₱ cent., cash.	5 ₱ cent., cash.
June, 1870	Nothing.	5 ₱ cent., cash.
December, 1870	5 ₱ cent., cash.	5

The New York Times.

NEW-YORK, THURSDAY, NOV. 30, 1871.

Amusements This Evening.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—THE PEOPLE'S LAWYER—Mr. John E. Owens. Matinee at 1½.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—PARIS—Miss Ada Grey. Matinee at 2.

LINA EDWIN'S THEATRE.—LE PONT DES SOUPIRS, (Opera Bouffe.)—Mlle. Aimee.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—OUR AMERICAN COUSIN—Mr. Sothern. Matinee at 2.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.—DIVORCE—Characters by company. Matinee at 2.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—ROSEDALE—Mr. Lester Wallack.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—HUMPTY DUMPTY—Mr. G L. Fox and Kiralfy Troupe. Matinee at 2.

UNION-SQUARE THEATRE.—VARIETY PERFORMANCE. Matinee at 2½.

ST. JAMES' THEATRE.—CATARINA AND BACCHUS—Miss Annie Lonsdale. Matinee at 2.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE AND CURIOSITIES—Afternoon and Evening.

GLOBE THEATRE.—VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT. Matinee at 2.

P. T. BARNUM'S MUSEUM, MENAGERIE AND CIRCUS.—Empire Rink, day and evening.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.—EQUESTRIAN, GYMNASTIC AND ATHLETIC FEATS. Matinee at 2½.

BRYANT'S OPERA-HOUSE.—NEGRO MINSTRELSY—FARCES.

STEINWAY HALL.—THE MESSIAH, (Oratorio.)—Mr. Santley.

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Lawyers who are acquainted with facts tending to bring home charges of misconduct to any of the Judges, are requested to communicate at once with the Judiciary Committee of the Bar Association. It is to be hoped that no one will hesitate to assist this Committee in their investigations. Many lawyers have written to us, in the course of our attacks upon the Ring Judges, and we appeal to them now to go to the Judiciary Committee with their information. There is no truth in the extraordinary statement made by a City paper that any of the accused Judges are to be protected from prosecution. The efforts to reform the Judiciary cannot now stop short of complete success.

Mr. TWEED has sold his "villa" on Washington Heights for something under $200,000. We are informed that Mr. A. T. STEWART was the purchaser. The property had to be sold rather low in consequence of TWEED's peculiar position, and Mr. A. T. STEWART is generally thought to be quick at taking advantage of a good opportunity. We hope however, that all the purchasers of Mr. TWEED's real estate will have some trouble about the titles. If a man is to be allowed to make off with property plundered from the public in this way, it is not of much use having any laws. Judge BRADY, the people will be glad to see, has issued a preliminary injunction against TWEED disposing of any more of his property at present. Had this injunction been in existence on Tuesday, Mr. A. T. STEWART could not have added another to the many "sharp bargains" he has succeeded in making.

Thanksgiving.

It is a gratifying fact that Thanksgiving Day is becoming a national holiday. It is worth remembering that the custom of the President setting aside a special day for thanksgiving was introduced by President LINCOLN, when his suggestions were listened to with respect only in one section of our country. It is now gradually gaining ground in all parts, and will probably continue to do so until over all the land the people will rejoice together over our national prosperity on the same day.

The causes for special gratitude within the past year have been very many. Our business affairs have fairly prospered, and though they have been the occasion of no small anxiety, prudence and honesty and industry have averted during another year the financial troubles of which no one has been wholly without apprehension since the war. We have been continually at peace with other nations, and have provided for the settlement of our only serious foreign complication, by a method both serviceable to us and of incalculable value as an example to all nations.

In the midst of general tranquillity our free institutions have been steadily and happily developed. In spite of some confusion at the South, the sober sense and fidelity to law of the American people suffice to prevent serious troubles. In other sections of the country the people have shown themselves capable of appreciating, and urgent in demanding, that honesty and efficiency in the administration of our institutions which they are justly believed to guarantee. In our own City and State, a novel, stubborn and splendid fight has been made against corruption, the most insidious and most formidable of all foes to free government. And if there are portions of the great West that will keep Thanksgiving today with the fresh traces of terrible affliction about them, even they can recall with gratitude the instant and tender kindness which their suffering called out not only from their fellow-countrymen at home and abroad, but from their fellow-men in all the great family of civilized peoples.

Mayor Hall.

Mayor HALL persistently laughs at the people who think he ought to resign. "Nothing has been proved against him, why should he resign?"—this is the theory on which he is said to retain his office.

Nothing seems to have surprised "IKEY" OLIVER so much as that witnesses could not swear to HALL's motives—as though a man's motives were as easily sworn to as a snow-fall, or a bitter cold day. But even the bullying of OLIVER could not prevent witnesses from making manifest to the late Grand Jury that HALL, if he is not the corrupt rogue everybody believes him to be, and in close league with TWEED, SWEENY and CONNOLLY, with INGERSOLL, WOODWARD and GARVEY, must be a simpleton of the first water—so stupid, careless, and idle that he would be unfit to manage his own affairs, much less the affairs of the City of New-York. *Is* HALL such a simpleton? *Is* he thus unfit for business—incapable and untrustworthy in the administration of affairs, the mere tool and puppet by his nature of the people around him? If so, he ought to resign at once; and his friends ought to tell him that he is conspicuously and dangerously unfit for his place.

That we have not exaggerated nor misrepresented the character of HALL, developed on the testimony before "IKE" OLIVER's Grand Jury, let these particulars, from the printed report, prove:

WM. S. COPELAND testified that being a clerk—only a clerk—in the County Bureau, he was struck by the enormous quantity of the warrants signed by Mayor HALL; and by the fact that the vouchers sent with these warrants were not sworn or certified by the persons who, it was claimed, had delivered the goods. COPELAND specified one bill for awnings, which he said the Mayor must have known to be a fraud. But before he got much further, he was bullied about his reasons for coming there, or for helping to make the exposures of Ring swindling, and asked whether he was not an enemy of HALL, and a sorehead. In fact, "IKEY" OLIVER's Grand Jury merely wanted to save HALL—and hence the *Tribune* is so much in love with it.

JACKSON S. SCHULTZ testified that HALL certified that KEYSER had furnished certain materials to the City, while KEYSER asserts that he had not furnished them.

JOHN H. MASTERSON testified that he would give abundant security to do for fifty thousand dollars the plastering for which HALL certified and paid away a million.

EDWARD BULL testified that he would furnish for twelve thousand dollars the carpets for which HALL certified and paid away three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

WM. A. BOOTH testified that—with the help of HALL's facile signature—the City had been obliged to pay seven millions for what was worth at the most seven hundred thousand dollars.

EDWARD W. BAXTER testified that he and his partner, experts, declared the value of the furniture in the new Court-house, when new, to be $97,500. For this, by the help of HALL, who certified the bills, with unsworn and incomplete vouchers before him, the City was forced to pay $1,476,980.

WM. F. HAVEMEYER testified that when he was Mayor he examined the bills and vouchers, and where the amounts seemed to him great or extravagant, he investigated them. He gave the following instructive instance:

"In one case, a bill was presented to me from the Almshouse. I thought it was a pretty large amount. I looked over the bill, and having been mixed in with grocery business, I took up the bill for the Alms-house and found it was under contract. Well, for instance, there was the article of coffee: ten bags, if you please, of San Domingo coffee, weighing sixteen hundred pounds. I thought to myself, that is not San Domingo, because San Domingo coffee does not weigh that much—Rio weighs 160 pounds. I sent for the gentleman who contracted for the Almshouse, and asked what kind of coffee it was? He said it was San Domingo. I said, no; that was Rio. Then, said he, it was as red as San Domingo. The Rio is higher priced than San Domingo. We came to the conclusion that it was damaged coffee that had been bought at auction. I made him knock off a pretty large slice from that bill. I found tea, rice, and molasses charged higher than I supposed the market price was. I investigated the affair, and, although he was a very respectable grocer, he made a great noise about it. Well, said I, if this is all right, let me see your books. That he declined to do. After he made the bill about square, I then paid it; but it was referred to a committee of the Common Council. They investigated, and made quite a time about it."

Finally, AUGUSTUS L. BROWN, of the firm of BROWN, HALL & VANDERPOEL, HALL's own business partners, was called by the Grand Jury, apparently as a witness for the defendant, and swore that HALL was totally incapable of attending to business; that his firm would be ruined if HALL did not leave everything to him; and that HALL had an ineradicable "aversion to details."

District-Attorney GARVIN having incidentally instructed the Grand Jury that the question before them was not whether HALL had done wrong, but whether he had done it with a wrong intent, and no one having appeared to swear to HALL's motives and intentions, that body felt itself obliged to say that "A. OAKEY HALL has been careless and negligent in the discharge of his duties."

Suppose Policeman B. sees one Hall pick John Smith's pockets of a watch; suppose the officer arrests Hall, but does not find the watch upon him; "Ike" Oliver, when the pick-pocket Hall is brought before him, would question the witness, not as to the loss of the watch, not as to the fact of Hall's hand having been seen in John Smith's pocket, but entirely as to Hall's motives in the transaction. "Did Hall really mean to steal the watch? Was Hall's hand in the gentleman's pocket with dishonest intentions? Don't tell me what you think, Sir; I want only facts. What do you *know* of Hall's motives and intentions? If you say you don't know anything, I will go to my friend Horace Greeley, and get him to call you a liar; and in the meantime I discharge Hall."

But, pray, in the name of wonder, what does any man *know* of another man's motives, except by his acts? It is an undisputed fact that by the help of HALL's signature, he being Mayor, and guardian of the City's interests, the City was robbed of over six millions of dollars. If HALL had refused to sign his name, this gigantic and scandalous robbery could not have been perpetrated. And now he pleads the baby act, and sends his business partner to testify that he has "an aversion to details," and that, in short, he is by nature incapable of attending to business. And he grins contentedly under the report of the Grand Jury, that "A. OAKEY HALL has been careless and negligent in the discharge of his duties, in affixing his signature to warrants without giving the vouchers that consideration which the public interests demanded."

There are men in the community who, receiving such a verdict under such circumstances, would have gone home and promptly resigned a trust which even a friendly Grand Jury said they had misused. But HALL, it seems, is made of other stuff. He brazens it out. He is not yet in jail; and until he sees the fingers of the law closing around him, he holds on to his place. Shame has no part in his constitution. For the indignation and contempt of honest men he has no regard. He is not only, as his partner testified, incapable of business; he is incapable of the feelings of an honorable man, and grins where a man made of better stuff would blow out his brains.

The Speakership.

We are informed that the friends of THOS. G. ALVORD, otherwise known as "Old Salt," are using great diligence and persistence in pushing his claims for the Speakership of the next Assembly. They base their advocacy of ALVORD on two grounds, according to the persons whom they are addressing. With members of strong Fentonian proclivities, they represent him as a stanch friend and supporter of Senator FENTON, and an enemy of Senator CONKLING; while to others they urge the plea that he is a man of large experience in Parliamentary proceedings, and would make the ablest presiding officer that could be selected. It is worthy of note, however, that the men who are engaged in pushing ALVORD for Speaker are active agents and tools of FENTON, and if he were to succeed in getting the position, it would unquestionably be claimed as a Fenton triumph. And for our part we should not be disposed to dispute the claim. If ALVORD is to be Speaker of the next Assembly, by all means let FENTON have the credit of it, and also the responsibility. He is just the kind of man we should expect FENTON to select. But he is not such a man as the honest Republicans of this State ought to support for the Speakership in the present crisis. If the Republican Party expect to gain any permanent advantage from their triumph at the last election, they must not begin their work at Albany this Winter by electing a man to preside over the Assembly who has been notorious in years past for his intimacy with the Tammany gang, and his well-known connection with legislative jobbery and corruption. We are satisfied that no honest and clear-headed member of his own party, who has been in the Legislature with Mr. ALVORD during the last two years, could be induced to support him for the Speakership. But the next Assembly will be composed very largely of new members, and, we trust also, of members who will not be anxious to commence their legislative career by placing a Fenton or Anti-Fenton collar around their necks. These men will be sufficiently numerous to hold the balance of power, in case FENTON should see fit to force that issue in the election of Speaker. Their duty is clear. They should support for the Speakership such a candidate, and only such, as will perform the duties of his office with justice and impartiality, unbiased by prejudices in favor of this or that wing of the party, and, above all, untainted and untrammeled by former connection with the corrupt surroundings of Albany legislation. There will be plenty of men in the next Legislature who can fill the Speaker's chair with credit, and, whatever may be the other qualifications of the man to be selected, he should, at least, be a person who will faithfully represent, and seek to carry out, that radical reform in the character of Albany legislation which the people had in view at the last election, and which the Republican Party cannot afford to disregard.

Our New-York Diogenes.

Mr. NAST's pencil is not likely to rest idle for want of subjects. In HORACE GREELEY's astounding defense of Mayor HALL he has found an excellent theme for his art. The picture may be seen in the new number of *Harper's Weekly*. Mr. GREELEY is represented as Diogenes, throwing the light of a lantern on the face of Mayor HALL, who stands on the steps of a building entitled the "Hall of Honesty." HALL has turned his pockets inside out, taken off his boots, and emptied his pocket-book—all to convince Mr. GREELEY that he is an injured innocent. Mr. GREELEY (late a fellow-director of the Tobacco Manufacturing Association with TWEED and SANDS) is delighted at this spectacle. In his pocket he has his latest new work, entitled "What I Know About Everything," and a copy of the *Tribune*, with the *Tribune's* complete philosophy printed outside: "What I say is true; what others say is a lie. (Signed,) H. G." The worthy friend of HANK SMITH is saying to HALL, "Whoever says you ain't (an honest man) is 'a vulgar braggart and liar, chattering slander with as little sense of responsibility as a magpie.'"

This picture will not only make people laugh, but it will be a material assistance to Mr. GREELEY in the efforts he is making to shield HALL from punishment, and in his Presidential canvass. Mr. NAST ought now to depict Mr. GREELEY as a manufacturer of "tobacco" from the native article—that is, from the leafy cabbages and lettuces of Chappaqua. Undoubtedly when Mr. GREELEY went into the "Tobacco Manufacturing Company," with W. M. TWEED and NATHANIEL SANDS, he expected to combine what he knows about farming with the production of a cigar which should make people sick at the smallest possible cost. His efforts in this direction entitle him to gratitude. The poor emigrants, whom he nearly coaxed into HANK SMITH's bank, should also be introduced into a picture with Mr. GREELEY, watering their benefactor's feet with their tears. But it is presumptuous to suggest subjects of pictures for Mr. NAST. His own genius enables him to turn everything to the best account, and Mr. GREELEY will doubtless be very much obliged to him for his assistance now. But Mr. NAST must not be surprised if the *Tribune* calls him a "liar and a thief," and brings forward HENRY S. OLCOTT, that accommodating witness, to prove that Mr. NAST was seen robbing an old applewoman's stand on his way to *Harper's*.

The Story of an Adventuress.

"The Honorable FLORENCE COWPER," as the poor woman insisted on describing herself, has been condemned to penal servitude for five years. It sounds a little strange to add that the offense for which she was convicted and sentenced was that of stealing two silver spoons. Her name has been floating about in the European and American Press for some time, and it has been associated with many reports, more or less vague, touching her aristocratic origin and many crimes. Now that the unhappy creature has reached a point at which she is cut off from even the show of respectable position, there is a sad interest and a wholesome instruction in looking back at her career, and marking the fatal steps by which her descent has been made.

To understand the extent of this woman's fall, it is needful to know what she was and what she had been. She was, during the past few years, one of that class of educated female adventurers, little known here, but common abroad, who correspond to the male *chevalier d'industrie*. Her birth, in spite of the protracted efforts of the London detectives to ferret out the truth, is still wrapped in mystery. There is no doubt about the identity of the person who, in her childhood, was Miss COWPER's ostensible father. He still lives, and is by calling a florist. When FLORENCE was twelve years old, however, she was placed, under a new name, at a fashionable boarding-school. Here she got the gloss, or veneer, of bearing, and the measure of attainments, of which it is hard to say whether they were subsequently most useful or pernicious to her. In a few years after she married a man of fortune, the match being probably brought about through the influence of the titled person who caused her to be educated. She had wealth now and social position. She was presented at Court—a distinction of recognized significance, and meaning more with a subject than a foreigner—and apparently had little to do but bask in the sunshine of happiness. But while thus cherished by prosperity she was divorced from her husband. The reasons need not here be dwelt upon; but, despite the cloud cast on her good name, such was her fascination that she soon found another rich husband. The latter has since drunk himself into an insane asylum. While living with him, FLORENCE acquired a taste for brandy which has clung to her ever since, and to which much of her subsequent misery is to be attributed.

Her plunge downward after this was rapid indeed. A year or two more she was in an asylum for fallen women. She came out, and, being hampered by debt, the Trustees of her first husband relieved her, having been authorized in some way so to do. Then followed a relapse to the temporarily abandoned strong drink, and then a long catalogue of ingenious extortions. Her beauty and culture were still available, and she used them unscrupulously to entrap and over-reach those whom she could get in her toils. Among the number were several well-known persons, whose dread of publicity, in most cases, kept them quiet. There were exceptions, and these, by craft, and, once or twice by legal stratagem, FLORENCE contrived to baffle. Ten years had gone by at this sort of thing, and she was going fast down the hill. As she became less fresh and more brazen and intemperate, the woman began to steal. She first took jewels and watches from the houses of her friends. As her standing even in the *demi-monde* became lower, and money more scarce, even the smallest articles that could be pawned were stolen by her. Finally, as we have seen, she has been tried and sentenced for the theft of two spoons. The punishment seems harsh for such an act, but there were two other indictments against her, and there is no question whatever of her having perpetrated many similar offenses. Brandy and unbridled passions have brought the unfortunate woman to a pass shameful to her sex, to her education, and to her social advantages.

FLORENCE COWPER'S story is full of suggestive warning. It is one of those cases that seem to end in calamity with the certainty of a mathematical demonstration. It is, so to speak, symmetrical in vice—bad going to worse in regular degrees, so that the climax could be predicted by an experienced observer at almost any stage of her progress. As a girl, she was insatiable of admiration, and this led her into that wretched habit of universal coquetry which is as incurable, and sometimes almost as destructive, as the habit of excessive drinking itself. The regular gradations by which the self-indulgent become less and less capable of resisting temptation are as clearly marked in her career as in an old-fashioned didactic parable or fable. Her "primrose path of dalliance" has led to the pit by a road terribly straight and steep. That a woman of delicate nurture should be clad in coarse serge, have her hair cropped close to her head, and be set at hard, grinding toil—picking oakum or beating hemp, perhaps, or even at menial drudgery—is of course as right, she being proved a thief, as that any other woman should be so treated. But the contrast between such a present and such a past is affecting and impressive.

The Red Flag at the Tuileries.

Hereditary privileges in different countries of the Old World are sometimes very curious things. In Spain, the representatives of certain families retain the right, boasted by *Don Cæsar de Bazan*, of remaining covered in the presence of the King. In other European nationalities, divers special privileges connected with the person of the monarch belong to favored individuals. Thus, it is the proud privilege of one to hold the basin on given occasions while the King washes. Another is blessed with the exclusive right to dry the royal feet after ablution. Occasionally serious differences have arisen from opposing constructions regarding these coveted distinctions, and the highest appellate authorities have been invoked to decide questions so momentous; and, if we mistake not, something of the kind occurred not long ago in the household of that eccentric sovereign who used to wash his face with hock, and baptize himself with soup, on the banks of the silver Rhine.

The privileges referred to have their value, no doubt, but that value is scarcely of a pecuniary nature. The privilege, on the contrary, which is enjoyed by M. VAVIN, of Paris, has really solid worth. M. VAVIN is the third of his name, and his singular hereditary right it is to sell out the furniture and other personality of the successive rulers of France when they fall under "the anger of the people." In other countries this queer monopoly might not be of much value; but in France it is clearly a substantial affair. For example, the sale of the household effects, stables, &c., of NAPOLEON III., began Sept. 1, and, at last post, was still going on. M. VAVIN's grandfather, in the same way, sold out LOUIS XVI.; the son sold out LOUIS PHILIPPE; and the third of the line is now doing the like for NAPOLEON III. The commissions on these sales must come to a handsome penny, and the privilege of making them is far better worth having than any tomfoolery of keeping one's hat on, or cleaning the feet of some stupid scion of an effete race.

When the Emperor NAPOLEON III. went away he naturally left behind some household debts. In fact, these amounted to a sum of about four hundred thousand dollars. It is said that the personal property left behind by him will balance these debts, so that there will be no charge to come on the State. The many stories told of the display of the imperial linen, and the like, and of the sale of such articles amid the jeers of the crowd, are positively denied by a well-informed correspondent. He affirms that, while there is not a word of truth in these tales, they may have had rise in the unchivalrous course of the Government on the 4th of September in publishing private letters that had no relation to politics. "Carriages, arms, horses, wine, and linen are sold, but nothing which bears the character of a personal memorial or of private use." This certainly is more civilized than the other practice, and it is manifestly wise for any French Government to be civilized in such matters; for none can tell when its own turn may come, or when Mr. VAVIN's red flag may go up over the household gods of M. THIERS, as it has done over those of NAPOLEON and EUGENIE.

In the present auction the first things sold were, it appears, the Imperial horses. These were in bad condition; for although not eaten during the siege, they were "requisitioned," and put through much the same kind of experience that befalls the luckless steeds of a horse railway. Still, they sold for more than their worth, although for only a third of their cost. The carriages went next, and about one thousand dollars, gold, was the highest price got, being for an open vehicle made by EHRLER. A huge English "break," by CROALL, was knocked down for $135, and of the whole 140 carriages sold, by far the greater part brought very low prices. There was much less expensive linen and plate than has been reported. Quantities of the former went to the ambulances, and of the latter "not a service of either china or gold but what was broken.' The wines, which, strange to say, have not been drunk, are worth some one hundred thousand dollars, and many of the lots are of superb quality. All these things, together with what rags of hangings and carpets, and sticks of furniture, escaped the fury of the Commune, M. VAVIN has knocked down to the highest bidder. After a few more provocations to their love of change—perhaps after a few more such recommendations of the present Government as the execution of ROSSEL—the French people may pay for a fresh outfit for a fresh ruler, and M. VAVIN, or his successor, may afterwards sell it out in the same style.

Who is Responsible?

The statement issued yesterday by Mr. S. F. KNAPP, Jr., receiver of the Bowling-green Savings Bank, reveals as rotten a state of affairs as could well be imagined. It is indeed stated that "if the securities realize the amount for which they are given, the depositors will receive ninety-five cents on the dollar." But observe what these securities consist of. The nominal assets of the bank amount to $451,134 43, against $474,000 of liabilities. Among the assets is included a deed of trust from the Secretary of the bank, R. E. SELMES, on property valued at $122,000. We remarked, when this assignment was first announced, that if the affairs of the bank had been honestly managed, there was no reason for any such stretch of generosity. It is now pretty obvious that the affairs of the bank have not been honestly managed. The Secretary's property represents twenty-five per cent. of the entire assets of the bank, and he may therefore be inferred to be responsible, to that extent at least, for an illegal employment of its funds. It was merely a fortunate accident that this official had any property to assign, and but for this, the depositors would have had the uncertain prospect of receiving at the very outside sixty-five cents on the dollar. The actual deficit on the bank's accounts is thus $144,866 57, and no amount of official restitution can remove the necessity for a strict inquiry into how this has arisen, and a strict meting out of punishment to those who are responsible for it.

This does not, however, exhaust the evidences of the mal-administration of the Bank. Of the hard-earned savings of the laboring poor, SMITH, ROCHE and SELMES lent out on personal security, *without any collateral whatever*, the sum of $148,353 97. Justice HOGAN stated at yesterday's meeting that these loans were absolutely unauthorized, and were in open disregard of the charter of the Bank. The acting managers of the concern have thus made themselves liable for every cent which may be lost on these securities, and stand convicted of what was neither more nor less than a fraudulent misappropriation of the money of their depositors. WALTER ROCHE denies that he ever promised, as Judge HOGAN stated, to assign a portion of his property in order to cover any deficiency in the accounts. As matters stand, he may still be compelled to do so, and his endeavor to skulk out of any responsibility for irregularities which he is said to have sanctioned, is eminently worthy of his political antecedents.

The entire exhibit renders the confidence reposed by Mr. GREELEY's Bureau of Emigration in this rotten concern more inexplicable than ever. According to the testimony of the Secretary of the Bureau, when they announced that they had "made arrangements with the Bowling-green Savings Bank to receive deposits from all suitable persons," there was "no suspicion that the bank was not solvent." It would be curious to learn whence Mr. GREELEY and his associates derived their opinion that the bank was anything else. Had they, as they ought to have done, before bringing suspicion upon their emigration scheme by such questionable association, demanded a statement of the affairs of the bank, what would they have found? Simply, this, that the only assets which the bank possessed, that an intending depositor could safely take into account, were represented by $7,500 of collateral security on personal loans, and $175,780 46 of loans on bonds and mortgages. That is to say, making a slight deduction for the possibility of a forced conversion of these, the bank might fairly be expected to pay thirty-five cents on the dollar! Had Mr. GREELEY been about to take a virtual partnership with his own money in HANK SMITH's bank, he would hardly have ranked loans on the purely personal security of the friends of ROCHE and SELMES as deserving the name of assets at all. The money employed "on the street" or elsewhere by SELMES would have been equally ruled out of the calculation, and, for convertible purposes, office furniture would hardly have been taken into account. In the face of $183,280 of available assests against $474,000 of liabilities. Mr. GREELEY would probably have declined to risk his own money in any such enterprise, even though it did possess the names of HANK SMITH and WALTER ROCHE as its chief office-bearers. We trust that the narrow escape of the Bureau of Emigration may not be lost either upon Mr. GREELEY or on any other public men who are so exceedingly ready to lend their names to the support of institutions about whose true character they are perfectly ignorant. It is a very good rule for any man whom unprincipled schemers may select as a decoy duck, to have just the same regard for the safety of the money of other people who trust to his recommendation, as he would have for that of his own. And if this rule is binding in any case more than another it is surely where it is a question of depositing the earnings of the industrious poor.

MINOR TOPICS.

When are we to see the last of the Tammany contract for cleaning the streets? If we cannot annul the agreement itself, in consequence of the gross perversion of its provisions, we can at least see that the overpaid contractor does what he engaged to do. It is too much to expect the Street-cleaning Commission to listen to the remonstrances of the Board of Health and the indignant complaints of citizens, and refuse to certify the contractor's warrants. But let the subject be brought properly before the Controller, and it ought surely to be possible for him to refuse payment for services never rendered. It hardly needed the assurance of the Board of Health to convince us that "the whole business of street cleaning is done in the most slovenly manner, the laborers employed being mostly almshouse relics." In scores of places there is never the slightest pretense of cleaning made at all, and so long as the seeds of disease are permitted to germinate under people's noses it is utter nonsense to talk of restraining pestilence and reducing the rate of mortality.

Coming adversity seems only to develope into stronger activity the versatile talents of FISK, Jr. His associate GOULD is good for corrupting a Legislature, but when it is a question of purchasing the fidelity of a negro waiter-boy, a servant-girl, or a brace of jurymen, then the world may recognize the fine Roman hand of the Admiral. It is to be presumed that when the foreman of Judge MCCUNN's jury, in the gold suits, asked the Court to inquire whether any improper influence had been brought to bear upon any of his associates, he meant to express his conviction that there had. It may be a trifle for FISK and GOULD to testify on oath that they were in a certain office only in the afternoon of a certain day, when it was proven that they had been there in the morning, but it should hardly be considered a trifle if they can be shown to have tampered with the oath of a juryman. FISK and GOULD will probably find to their cost ere long, that such outrages upon law and decency as those which ushered them into fame, are not so safe as they were a few years ago.

The Syracuse *Standard* is informed that we have not attacked Gen. BARNUM as a Tammany Republican, "for holding a position under the Tax Commission." Our charge against Gen. BARNUM—made three or four months ago—was that he drew a four-thousand dollar salary from the City Treasury for which he rendered no service. The same statement has since been made in the *Evening Post*, and we have yet to learn that it is not true. Gen. BARNUM's reputation as a "Tammany Republican" has not been acquired so much from his holding this office as from his intimacy with "HANK" SMITH, whose constant shadow he has been at Albany for two Winters past.

It is a curious fact that naval men, as a general rule, seem to lack the faculty of organization. Every Navy Department in the world sends bad ships to sea, and when a pinch comes everything is too often in confusion. The officers who "arranged" the ball for the Grand Duke, at the Navy-Yard on Tuesday, were determined to keep up the reputation of their cloth. Everything was a muddle. Ladies were kept waiting for their wrappers from 1 o'clock *till past* 4 in the morning. The officers who should have seen to the comfort of their guests only got in each other's way, and wound up by losing their tempers. The *Evening Mail* says:

"It was ascertained that checks amounted to nothing, for coats were piled in a promiscuous heap on the floor. Finally, the gentlemen were forced to go into the room and select from the pile to suit themselves. The carriages in waiting got all mixed up through bad management, and ladies were forced to wait an hour or so more before they could get away. Daylight stole upon many of them before they reached home. Naval officers may understand the working of their ships very well, but they evidently do not know how to manage a ball."

Some of our contemporaries amused themselves yesterday with sensational rumors, purporting to come from Washington, about threatened complications with the Spanish Government. They were entirely groundless, as might have been conjectured from their source. The simple fact, as stated in our Washington dispatches, was that two or three United States naval vessels were ordered to proceed to Havana to protect the interests of Americans residing there, in the event of an apprehended outbreak of the Cuban volunteers. The return of Gen. SICKLES to this country, which was made to give color to the sensation, is in pursuance of a leave of absence granted him weeks ago, and is for the purpose of attending to private business connected with his recent marriage.

The lumber dealers of the East will derive much comfort from the assurance that the supplies from Michigan next season are not likely to be shorter than usual in consequence of the late forest fires in that State. It is stated on the very best authority that not more than five per cent of the standing pine timber has been touched, and of this amount there will not be more than one per cent. absolutely lost. The remainder will be cut this Winter and prepared for market. The fires raged with greatest severity in the counties of Huron and Sanilac, from which the bulk of the pine had already been cleared. Gennessee, Isabella, Lapeer and Midland Counties also suffered, but the great pine region of Michigan now lies to the northwest of these counties, and it has entirely escaped the ravages of the fires.

In another column will be found an explanation of the reasons which have incited the populace of Brussels to such a pitch of indignation against the Ministry that appointed M. DE DECKER Governor of Limburg. In Brussels, as in New-York, the popular feeling against swindling Rings only needs to be aroused to prove itself omnipotent. The Ministry have yielded to the storm and sent in their resignations. It is questionable, however, if the new Ministerial chief, M. THONNISSEN, will be able to construct a Cabinet which will be more to the liking of Belgian Liberals than its predecessor.

We are assured that the worst feature in the present Board of Charities is the presence in it of "ALECK" FREAR, who was forced in by the Ring a comparatively short time ago. Gen. BOWEN—whose name was printed "BROWN," in these columns, the other day—is a man of the highest qualifications, and his colleagues (except FREAR) are free from imputations affecting their integrity.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

"THE MESSIAH" TO-NIGHT.

At Steinway Hall, to-night, HANDEL'S noble "Messiah" will be sung. The work is to be rendered by the New-York Harmonic Society, who have strengthened their resources for the occasion by the engagement of Mr. DOLBY'S singers for the chief solo parts. Mr. SANTLEY, of course, heads the list, and Mme. PATEY'S telling voice will be heard to great effect. Miss EDITH WYNNE likewise sings, and so do Mr. W. H. CUMMINGS and Mr. J. G. PATEY. There will be a chorus of 300 and an orchestra of sixty, and the whole will be under the efficient conduct of Dr. JAMES PECH. Hardly any better way of spending Thanksgiving night could be thought of than listening to HANDEL'S oratorio, and we hope it will be sufficiently well interpreted this evening amply to repay those who attend.

Dramatic.

THANKSGIVING DAY ENTERTAINMENTS.

Matinées occur today at almost all the City theatres. At Niblo's, Mr. SOTHERN will appear; at the Olympic, "Humpty Dumpty" will be acted; at the Union-square Theatre, the regular variety entertainment will be given by day as well as by night; at Wood's Museum, three performances will occur; at Booth's Mr. OWENS will play; at the Grand Opera-house "Paris" will be represented, and at the Fifth-avenue Theatre "Divorce" will be rehearsed. Special representations at the Globe Theatre and at the Thirty-fourth-street Theatre are also announced, and a grand Thanksgiving entertainment will be given at the Brooklyn Opera-house, Fulton and Flatbush avenues, this evening, under the management of T. C. FAULKNER.

ST. JAMES THEATRE.

In addition to the evening performance at the St. James Theatre, there will be a Thanksgiving matinée today, in which Miss ANNIE LONSDALE will appear in three of her best rôles. "Nan the Good for Nothing," "Captain Charlotte" and "Bacchus" are to be performed.

UNION-SQUARE THEATRE.

The critic who would pass judgment upon the myriad performances constituting an evening's entertainment at the Union-square Theatre, must possess more than the average knowledge. All kinds of theatrical and musical work are done on the stage of the house, and from 8 o'clock until 11 an uninterrupted series of "acts" is witnessed. To name all the artists concerned would call for more space than is accorded us at present. The most prominent performers, however, can be mentioned: the MATHEWS family, Mr. ROLLIN HOWARD, the RAYNOR brothers, Mr. HUGHEY DOUGHERTY, and Mlle. MARIE BONFANTI take part in the representations. The co-operation of the lady last referred to is assurance that excellent dancing may be enjoyed at the Union-square Theatre. The corps de ballet is strong in numbers, capitally trained, and bright with fresh and pretty faces.

The Pillory and Post in Delaware.

The semi-annual exhibition of punishment inflicted by the pillory and lash, took place in the Court-yard, at New-Castle, Del., on Saturday. Among the number whipped, was a man named JOSHUA LUTTON, making the fourth time he had been to the "post." He said on a previous occasion, that "All the manhood was whipped out of me, the first time, and now I don't care for anything."

The following persons, having been convicted of different petty larcenies, received punishment as follows:

Joshua Lutton, twenty lashes; Charles Blake, twenty lashes; John Bush, colored, one hour in the pillory and twenty lashes; Jonathan A. Graves, one hour in the pillory and twenty lashes; Charles Bayard, colored, one hour in the pillory; Charles M. Tatbnett, twenty lashes; Joseph Harris, colored, twenty lashes; Isaac Pierce, one hour in the pillory, Lewis Collins, colored, twenty lashes.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1871.

Before I can give my impressions of this wonderful city I must go back to take up the thread of travel, dropped three weeks ago, in the quaint capital of Mormondom. I left that polygamous paradise on a day of balmy airs and radiant skies. The beautiful valley of the Great Salt Lake was brimmed with golden sunshine, and lovely purple lights were on all the hills. I left with some feelings of apprehension in regard to the issue of the Federal crusade against the monstrous system of Polygamy. If it be wise and necessary to undertake the work, I would have the whole power of the Government and social order, of judicial dignity and of moral conviction united in a tremendous crushing process—a force of law and judgment, stern, quiet, inexorable, closing about the evil thing as the "iron shroud" closed about the doomed prisoner of the Inquisition. But I would have no flaw, no weak or disjointed panel in the fearful engine of justice and vengeance. I fear a finishing of this business which will be no ending.

"If 'twer done, when 'tis done, it were well."

Ogden is all alive nowadays with excitement over a great tin mine, said to be immensely valuable. Experienced Cornish miners report the ore unusually fine, and there are vast deposits.

We had a moonlight night of surpassing beauty, which bewitched me out of half my sleep, and yet I waked in time to see a sunrise painting sky and mountain with wonderful gorgeous colors. I found nothing tiresome or disagreeable in all that day's travel. I did not rebel against the eternal dull sage-brush below, when the sky was full of ever-varying clouds, and the sunlight touched every object with tender, impartial rays. Even the alkali dust annoyed me little, as it was cold enough to have all the windows closed. Still, it was pleasant to come upon grazing valleys and rocks and cañons again. The Palisades, in Twelve Mile Cañon, are very grand and beautiful, and the Devil's Peak is a highly satisfactory diabolical feature in the wild landscape; and all along the Valley of the Humboldt there are pictures of savage grandeur and quiet beauty, which alternately rouse and rest one. On that day we were first waited upon at table by soft-footed, white-robed, moon-faced Orientals. I find the Chinese very agreeable as waiters. They put on no superior Littimer airs, yet are so utterly removed from all interest in you and your affairs, beyond the business in hand, that with half a dozen about you, you have a delightful sense of privacy, and should no more think of dismissing Chinese servants, for better after-dinner freedom in conversation, than of sending away the tea-tray, lest its painted mandarins should listen and gossip. There is "no speculation" in their eyes. "The sleeping and the dead and the Chinese are but as pictures."

At Reno I left the train for Virginia City. It was after midnight; but the weather was mild and the moonlight resplendent, so a mountain stage-ride of twenty miles had no terrors for me. We had six good horses, that sturdily toiled up the long grade and gallantly dashed down the declivities, and whirled us around rocky points in magnificent style. But gradually the stifling dust, the rising wind and ever-increasing cold, clouds and mists prophesying storm, and the vice-like jam of an overcrowded coach, changed what had seemed to me a pleasant adventure into a most fatiguing and uncomfortable journey. In the gray, uncertain light, of a dawn, that grew slowly and sullenly into the only dreary, dreadful day I have seen on this coast, I reached Virginia, famous as the home of "Tom Flynn" and LAURA FAIR, and somewhat celebrated as the "city set on the hill," whose foundations are of silver and gold, and whose gates open downward into the more wonderful underground city of the Comstock Lode.

There was no room for me at the inn. I did not quite lodge in the manger, but in an apartment scarcely more desirable. It was an awful day, the wind rose to the dignity of a tornado, dry at first, swirling about old old Mount Davidson, and whelming the town in thick, gray clouds of dust; then came the rain, swift and furious as hail. Between the gusts I caught glimpses of the wild and desolate scenery about me. The great brown hills seemed to me not only utterly denuded, but flayed, stripped of all the outer covering of nature, and gashed and scarred, and marred and maltreated in every way. But in happier days succeeding, these same bleak hills grew to have for me a sort of grim grandeur and savage attractiveness. Moonlight, from some atmospheric peculiarity of the region, perhaps, gives to them a strange, mystical, unreal beauty, and a sunset glorifies them wonderfully—but it takes a great sunset to do it.

My sole amusement during that first dreary day was in gazing out upon the street. Here I saw more Chinese than I had before beheld, and more Indians. The latter, I am happy to say, are to a considerable degree, accepting the situation, and becoming civilized and Christianized. When sorely pinched the noble red man will bow his proud neck over the sawhorse to earn his daily tobacco and whisky, and allow his squaw to earn their bread and potatoes by working. When night came, "I was darkly, deeply, desperately blue." I had as yet no reply to my letters of introduction. I had seen no friendly familiar face. My sole society had been a fellow-traveler in reduced circumstances, and depressed spirits—a Hungarian lady of rank. It is a singular circumstance that all the Hungarians I have ever known have been people of rank. A pretty nurse-girl and an elderly colored waiter, seeing my low state of spirits, essayed to comfort me. She first advised me to go "to see the Cannibals," some Fiji Islanders, exhibiting in the town. "They say," she said, "that the old Chief will bring out the leg of a man and eat it before the audience—and that the Princess will eat a whole baby, all by herself."

When I expressed incredulity her ingenuous countenance fell. "I thought if they would do all that, they would be worth seeing," she coolly said, though giving at the same moment a loving hug to the fair, fat baby she held in her arms.

Jem., my Africo-American friend, asked if I contemplated a long visit to Virginia.

"No," I growled out, "I shall start to-morrow for a civilized country—shaking the dust of Nevada from my feet, if that be possible."

He looked hurt, and eagerly answered,

"Why, we are civilized, Madame; we've got a good vigilance committee here now. The time was when you couldn't go out of a morning without stumbling over a dead man or two."

Tranquilized in spirit, I reposed that night under the protecting wing of the Vigilance Committee, which is supposed never to slumber or sleep. Joy came in the morning in the handsome and hearty shape of the Superintendent of the Chollar-Potosi Mine, who took me home to his beautiful house and his lovely wife. The storm was over, and thenceforth all was brightness and pleasantness for me in Nevada. So pleasant was it, so hospitable and social were the people, so much was there to see, that I absolutely found no time during my too brief stay to chronicle incidents and impressions, and I am now almost ashamed to dismiss so delightful an episode of travel in a few brief, dry paragraphs, as I find I must do.

My kind host, Mr. RIGUA, did the honors of the Chollar Potosi. We descended into those mysterious argentiferous deeps, by means of the "cage," a sort of iron elevator, very safe and comfortable. This admirable machine I did not see in Colorado. There you have to go down in a bucket, with the chance of kicking it, on the way. This is cleanly, and swift and silent. If you want to visit the fourteen hundred feet level, you step on a little platform, *settle*, and are there. We went down several miles, and walked several hundred feet under ground—or went down several hundred feet and walked several miles. I am not clear which; but I know it was a very interesting, easy and instructive expedition, pleasanter than a walk through the musty and mortuary old catacombs, which always seemed to me to smell of dead Christians. We visited several "levels," explored "tunnels" and "drifts," and saw all the various processes of mining, most of which were already familiar to me. The ground I found mostly very dry, and the tunnels and drifts no more difficult to explore than the galleries of those same old catacombs which they more than once reminded me of. Some very rich deposits of ore have lately been discovered in this mine, lying "solitary and alone" in the form of monstrous eggs, (roc's eggs,) which are very cunningly hid away, and only come upon by accident. The miners get as excited as boys in egg-hunting, and have as little scruple about robbing the nest.

The Chollar is not now worked at its lowest level, some 1,100 feet down. The lode is not generally found to increase in richness, as it descends, though the Belcher and the Crown Point have produced very rich ore at a very low depth. The mines on the Comstock Lode alone have produced an astonishing amount of bullion during the past year, and the talk is constantly of new discoveries. The old mountain is not yet half disemboweled.

To the Superintendent of the Sutro Tunnel I was indebted for a visit to that famous work, and a most charming day. We drove down six-mile cañon, a most interesting drive, as it takes you past many of the great crushing-mills, and the sluices, reservoirs and buildings for the saving and working over of the "tailings"—fine, clay-colored dust, formerly thrown away as mere refuse, but now found to contain enough gold and silver to pay handsomely. It is the last gleaning of the golden crops up above. Millions of dollars have drifted down these gulches in "tailings."

The Valley of the Carson, from which the Sutro Tunnel leads into the mountain, is very lovely, but lonely and bare. If the great tunnel be ever completed, and prove the success its projectors hope it to be, Virginia City, already wearing an ancient and permanent aspect, must be virtually transported thither, the tunnel becoming the principal outlet of the mines. But it will be a great undertaking, even for the energetic and enthusiastic Teutonic engineer, to bring a mountain town like that to the plain without the aid of an avalanche. I have always had a strong interest in the Sutro Tunnel enterprise. I liked the boldness and the daring of it. I was impressed by the splendid possibilities. It would be stealing a march on old Mercury—storming his great treasure-house by sapping and mining from below. It was something stupendous, yet practicable and feasible, on the chart at least. On the spot, I more fully realized the stupendousness of the undertaking. So little has yet been done—such an immensity remains to be undone. We went in, about half a mile, to where the men were slowly blasting their way through the hardest sort of granite.

Though Mr. SUTRO is a man of wonderful energy and perseverance and persuasiveness—though he has faith that almost may remove mountains—I cannot believe that the remaining seven and a half miles of tunneling will ever be accomplished without strong "aid and comfort" from Government. SUTRO proposes—Congress disposes. I suppose the Commission will report during the coming session, and the momentous question of subsidy or no subsidy will be decided. Prepossessed in favor of the enterprise though I was on going to Nevada, candor compels me to state that I found almost everywhere, among mine and mill-owners, superintendents and business men generally, a strong and bitter opposition to the work. It is claimed by its able advocates that it will be a blessing to all eventually. But they decline to be blessed. They rebel against the grants, against the royalty, against the tolls—against the whole "big job." They see or will acknowledge no advantages in it, direct or incidental. They say that the prospects held out of rich discoveries along the route of the tunnel are "such stuff as dreams are made of."

Of course, this is a question which only actual exploration can decide; they may be all mistaken,—blinded by prejudice,—and I confess that if it could be done without injustice or loss to the men who have done so much to develop the resources of Nevada, who have labored so heroically against adverse conditions, through long years of doubtful fortunes, I should like to see the work carried through. Let the innermost mystery in the heart of the old mountain be got at, the long dispute be ended, and the greatest mining problem of the age be solved. Then, when the sullen old mountain, thoroughly brought to bay, is compelled to disgorge his treasure by thousands of tons, and to bleed gold and silver through countless newly discovered veins and arteries, I doubt not that the "faithless and unbelieving" will give in and consent to be made rich, that even the Bank of California will gracefully accept the situation and the bullion. My day at the tunnel and at Dayton, a pretty little valley-town, was full of enjoyment, owing in great part to the cordial hospitality of my host and his pleasant family. We drove home through Gold Cañon and by Silver City and Gold Hill—all wonderful scenes of bold enterprise and busy industry, full of interest for me. On the following day we went to Carson by probably the crookedest railroad in the world—a marvelous, almost inconceivable, piece of engineering.

Carson is the home of our genial and eloquent friend, Senator NYE. I was most graciously and charmingly entertained by his friends and neighbors, whom I found, without an exception, admirers and lovers of the man.

Carson has some wonderful hot springs, which supply baths, said to be excellent for rheumatism. Hot springs abound in Nevada. I heard of a family who do all their cooking by means of a domesticated geyser in their kitchen. The water of a hot spring near Elko has a decided taste of chicken-broth. What a pity it is not located in Chicago!

Of course, I visited the Penitentiary to see the scene of the late terrible fight between the escaping convicts and the officers. The marks of the conflict are yet to be seen in walls and doors. Most of the men have been caught, and after their fearful hardships seem glad to get back. Many of them will not go out again, except for a little walk to the scaffold. While talking over the affair with the Warden in one of the corridors, I was startled by hearing fearful groans almost under my feet. Looking down, I saw a small grating in the flag-stones, and was told that beneath us were two dungeons, in which the worst recaptured convicts—murderers—were confined. It is a little discouraging to philanthropists to be told that the present Warden, Gov. DENVER, had been remarkably considerate and indulgent toward all these convicts. Yet they tried to kill him, and even shot at his wife.

Carson must be in the Spring and Summer a very pretty place, for it has foliage and flowers, and water, and grand hills behind it, not yet stripped of all their trees. The society here is cultivated and agreeable, and the grace of a noble hospitality adds to it the last best charm. The Mint and the State Capitol are noble buildings, and there are several elegant private residences in the town.

I have left myself no space fitly to describe the crowning pleasure of my little tour in Nevada—the visit to Lake Tahoe. With a merry party of friends, in a large barouche, drawn by four handsome grays, I made the excursion with great comfort, with unalloyed enjoyment, notwithstanding the lateness of the season, for the day was one of rare mildness and stillness—of perfect beauty. The road up the mountains, past Eagle and Carson Valleys, is a magnificent one, and commands magnificent views. It was comforting to see wooded hillsides again. All along our way, the pines grew, grand and tall, and there was something most "melancholy sweet" in the sound of the low winds among their dark branches. It took me back to the Alleghanies, the Green Mountains, the White Mountains—even the Alps. So that sombre music of the pines is passed from mountain top to mountain top, around the world.

Tahoe is the most beautiful lake I have ever beheld. It is an emerald on the brow of the mountain. Marvelously clear and sparkling, it is surrounded by the most enchanting scenery, and is altogether a surprise, a wonder, a delight. Sometime, I hope to be able to describe it. I am vain enough to think I could do it, for I have only to close my eyes, and the whole exquisite picture of radiant skies and autumnal banks, and purple mountains and soft green water, glows and melts and shimmers before me. Ah! Nature was in a happy, tender, divine mood when she formed Lake Tahoe and its exquisite surroundings. And yet that sweet mood succeeded a passionate, fiery outburst, lasting nobody knows how many centuries; for it is said by "scientists" that a volcano overseethed and rumbled where Tahoe now ripples and smiles. This lovely sheet of water was once named Lake Bigler, after a Democratic Governor; but triumphant Republicanism rechristened it Tahoe—an improvement, perhaps, poetically, but politically a very small piece of business. There is an admirable hotel at the lake, and a small steamer, for pleasure-excursions, a charming drive along its shores, and prime fishing in its cool, translucent waters. On the face of a high rock, in full view from the road and the lake, there is a singular natural curiosity. It is a profile, formed apparently by certain depressions in the stone—a colossal intaglio—and is a striking and a very noble likeness of SHAKESPEARE. It is strange to think that Nature had chiseled his face in the eternal rock, high among the cliffs, where the eagles nested, in this savage mountain-land, at a time when the New World itself seemed but a monstrous mirage, or *fata morganna*, afar down the watery slope of the world, when not even the magic seas and the spacious heaven of his imagination took it in.

I think Lake Tahoe must yet become a great pleasure resort. I have seen no more charming spot in all my tours for a Summer's rest and rambling.

I left Nevada, even for California, with reluctance. I parted from the kind Nevada people with grateful regret. Even Virginia City looked not unlovely as I gazed my last upon it, trying to make out the dear home of the best friends a poor strolling Bohemienne ever had. The recumbent old mountain lay still and long and grand, like dead CÆSAR, his gaping, unsightly wounds decently covered by a light toga of snow.

My journey of the next day, the last of my long pilgrimage from ocean to ocean, was a succession of delightful sights and sensations. After crossing the Sierras, where the envious snow-sheds shut out from us many grand pictures, how wonderful it was to see the world brightening and greening and blooming before us, as we slid down from that dark mountain-land and a wintry atmosphere, into lovely fruitful valleys, into soft, balmy, golden airs, past vineyards and orchards and flowery gardens. It was almost like witnessing a creation.

I thought the scenery of the Sierras far behind that of the Rocky Mountains in grandeur till we came to Cape Horn, which is equal to the Argentine Pass of Colorado, but no grander, I think.

California all the way that day reminded me of Italy, as I once traveled through it at precisely the same season, and San Francisco, as seen from the bay, (for we took the steam-boat at Vallejo,) reminded me of Genoa, which long ago I entered from the sea, at the same time of the year, and at the same time of night. The twinkling, throbbing lights of the streets, and of thousands on thousands of dwellings, rising tier above tier, gave to the town a marvelous, magical appearance. It seemed like a mighty flight of illuminated steps, leading up to the clouds; or like a city being let down from heaven. The air of enchantment, the aerial, unreal effects of that wondrous night picture, I despair of conveying by any words I can command. It was a clear, star-lit night, but the bold, rocky eminences to our right—Angel Island and Alcatraz—lay wrapped in mysterious shadows, and dimly through the Golden Gate shone the silver waters of the vast unknown sea, the ocean of my dream. I thought of old BALBOA, beholding for the first time the gleam of those waters, the solemn fulfillment of his prophecy, the fruition of his heroic faith. I thought of how

"Silent as a peak in Darien,
He stared at the Pacific,"

and concluded that he did the correct thing in refraining from wrenching himself in attempts to express the inexpressible. G. G.

SENATOR SANFORD.

Interesting Particulars of His Life and Recent Death.

From the Utica Herald, Nov. 27.

GEORGE H. SANFORD died at about 12 o'clock on Saturday night, Nov. 25, after a short illness. Mr. SANFORD'S health has been seriously impaired since August last, and from time to time he has for periods been confined to his house. During the intervals he has attended to his usual business engagements and to the public has appeared without marked change in health. Within ten days of his death he went to Syracuse. This trip aggravated his disease; he took to his bed, and from this time he never rallied. On Friday his physicians informed him that he could not recover. This announcement he received with calmness, and immediately began to arrange his affairs in view of his speedy death. Toward the end, after rallying from a severe attack of pain, in speaking of his death, he remarked: "I have always tried to do right and be just." On Saturday morning he took leave of his family. His mind was clear till within a few hours of his death, and he watched without fear or apparent disquietude the indications of declining strength.

Mr. SANFORD was of English descent. His grandfather, DAVID SANFORD, removed from New-Milford, Conn., to Warren County, N. Y., in 1795. His father represented this county in the Legislature in 1841. GEORGE H. SANFORD, at the age of fourteen, left his home at Glens Falls, and went to Albany as a shipping clerk in the wholesale lumber business. He continued with the same firm for six years, except one year, which he spent at the Polytechnic Institute in Troy. When twenty years of age he left Albany and engaged in the lumber and salt business in Syracuse, in which he was quite successful. In January, 1861, he married HELEN BREESE STEVENS, of Sconondoah, granddaughter of S. SIDNEY BREESE, one of the earliest settlers of Oneida County, and a large landholder. In 1862, he withdrew from active business and invested his means in real estate near Oneida, where he has since resided. In 1864, he first entered upon political life as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. In 1865 and 1866 he was elected Supervisor of the Republican town of Verona, upon the Democratic ticket. In the Third Assembly District of Oneida, in 1866, he was elected a member of the Assembly by 490 majority, although the previous year Hon. B. N. HUNTINGTON, of Rome, had been elected as a Republican by 741 majority. In 1867, as Democratic candidate for Senator, he ran ahead of his ticket, but was defeated by Hon. SAMUEL CAMPBELL. He then resumed business in the lumber trade in Rome, in which he has since been largely engaged. In 1869 he was elected as Senator by 26 majority. He was a man of great personal popularity, and is the only Democratic Senator sent from Oneida County since 1849. In 1868 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in New-York City, and in 1867-68-69 he was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee. At the recent election he was renominated for the Senate against his repeatedly expressed wishes, but owing to his ill health he took little active part in the campaign. He was defeated by Hon. S. S. LOWERY, of Utica. Mr. SANFORD was a quiet, undemonstrative man, warm-hearted and generous in his friendship. In business he commanded success by enterprise, prudence, persistence. In politics he was always much stronger than his party. His strength came in a good degree from thorough organization, from personal activity, and from industry which never wearied. But much of it came also from his extensive business connections; and it is an eloquent fact that all who had such connections with him were his cordial supporters. He was not a public speaker, but he had marked facility in leading and controlling men. Within his own party in the county, he stood among the foremost of its younger members, and in the State he held a position justifying the suggestion that he should at the late election be placed upon the State ticket. In the Board of Supervisors and in both houses of the Legislature his counsel was sought and he stood among the few who direct party policy and legislation. His personal character was without stain, and all men spoke well of him as a man and a citizen. He has passed away in the prime of his manhood, in the ripe harvest of his honors and his labors. Those who, as partisans have crossed swords with him, will be readiest to give full credit to his ability and to his worth, and will stand among the sincerest mourners beside his open grave.

Another Payment to the Large Pipe Men.

Controller GREEN again delegated Mr. A. S. CADY to pay the laborers and others employed on the alterations of the Aqueduct, and Mr. CADY, with his corps of assistants, was yesterday engaged in the payment upon the line of the work. About 1,800 men are included in this payment, which amounts to over $53,000, the money having been advanced, as heretofore, by the Committee of New-York Banks.

Controller Green's Latest Removal.

Controller GREEN yesterday dismissed ANDREW J. SMITH, the attorney for collections of arrears of personal taxes, and removed all the records in that office, to be hereafter under the Controller's immediate supervision.

WINTER.

Ice in the State Canals and the Hudson—The Western Snow-Storms Abating.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Nov. 29.—A dispatch from Castleton states that the river there is choked with ice from shore to shore; the steamers *Drew* and *City of Hudson* passed south at 5½ P. M. The wind is blowing a gale from the north-west, and the cold increases hourly. It is thought the river will close at Castleton to-night.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Nov. 29.—The weather continues cold. About thirty-five boats are frozen in on the Schenectady level. It is estimated that from 400 to 600 loaded boats are on the canal, frozen in, and that, unless the weather grows warmer, the boats will have to remain where they are for the Winter. The ice is two inches thick throughout the whole section of the canal at Boonville. Dispatches received at the Canal Auditor's offices, state that it will be impossible to get boats through the canal, unless the weather moderates. There are about 100 boats near Cohoes, nine miles above here, and the ice is very heavy.

BUFFALO, Nov. 29.—The canal is still open here, but fears are entertained that it will be closed by ice to night. A large amount of grain is ready to be forwarded by canal should a spell of mild weather follow the present cold snap.

BATH, Me., Nov. 29.—The weather during the last two days has been unusually severe for the season. The steamer *Star of the East* encountered much ice today, but succeeded in reaching Gardiner at noon, landed her freight, and immediately made her way back to this city, which will be her terminus hereafter during the Winter.

BANGOR, Nov. 29.—The cold weather continues, the mercury standing at 15 at 1 P. M. today. The fleet of vessels remaining in port will get out with difficulty. The schooner *L. D. Wentworth*, with a cargo of lumber, was cut into by running ice while being towed down the river last night, and filled with water. She will be repaired and proceed without discharging the cargo.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—The Mississippi River is entirely closed above the bridge at Dubuque.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 29.—The reports of the effects of the storm on the Northern Pacific Railroad are somewhat exaggerated. The completed portion of that road is open and running as usual. On the west end two construction engines got out of wood and water, and were caught in a severe storm and frozen up. The road from Duluth to St. Paul is open, and running regular trains, there being no trouble from snow or otherwise.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Nov. 28.—The storm here ceased this morning, and the weather is now freezing cold. There has been no news from the cañons since yesterday. No mails have been received from the East or West today. The Union Pacific is said to be thirty hours behind.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The following, collated from dispatches received at the Signal Office up to 7 o'clock this evening, will be found interesting: Snow has been falling in Buffalo since 12 o'clock last night up to the ear'y part of today. The weather is now clearing up. Snow has been falling in Cleveland, Ohio, since 8 o'clock yesterday morning up to 6 P. M. today. Snow fell in Cincinnati, Ohio, this morning, also at Baltimore and Indianapolis, Marquette, Mich., Oswego, N. Y., Rochester, N. Y., Pittsburg, Penn., and Denver City, Colorado Territory. At Fort Benton, Montana Territory, last night, the thermometer registered twenty-two degrees below zero. At Duluth, Minn., this morning, the weather was clear, wind north-west and brisk and the thermometer 8° below zero. At Omaha, Nebraska, 4° below zero, and at St. Paul, Minn., 7° below zero. Snow this afternoon was falling at Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, Davenport, Iowa, and Denver, Colorado Territory. The weather was fair this evening at Fort Benton, Montana Territory, with a temperature of 4° zero. Upon the summit of Mount Washington, N. H., at 5 o'clock this afternoon, the weather was cloudy; the barometer has fallen very rapidly since morning; the thermometer registered 19° below zero, and the wind was blowing from the north-west at a velocity of 100 miles an hour.

THE WEATHER.

Synopsis of Events and Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29—7 P. M.—The low barometer which was in the South Atlantic States Tuesday afternoon has moved north-eastward with rapidly-diminishing pressure, and is now a storm centre near the Bay of Fundy. The high barometer on the Upper Missouri has extended its influence eastward to New-York and the South Atlantic coast, but is now central in Wisconsin. The temperature has fallen in the Gulf States, where the north-west winds are veering to north-east. The winds have generally abated in force on the upper lakes, but have backed to north-west and increased to brisk in the middle States. Snow has fallen at most points east of Kentucky and Michigan, except in New-England, and is now reported in Colorado. The temperature has fallen at the Rocky Mountain stations. The barometer has risen with clear weather on the Pacific coast.

PROBABILITIES.

Rising barometer, with partially cloudy and pleasant weather, is probable for Thursday over the lakes and Atlantic coast, the winds increasing to brisk north-west in New-England, but diminishing and veering to north from the lower lakes to North Carolina; easterly winds, with threatening weather, in the Gulf States, and with cloudy weather on the South Atlantic coast. The snow west of Kansas and Nebraska will probably extend eastward over those States.

WARNING SIGNALS ORDERED.

Cautionary signals continue for this evening at Oswego, Rochester, Norfolk and New-York, and are ordered for New-London, Boston and Portland.

UNITED STATES BUILDINGS.

Report of the United States Supervising Architect on the Public Buildings in this City.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—A. B. MULLETT, the Treasury Supervising Architect, in his annual report, addressed to Secretary BOUTWELL, gives a full account of the progress of the various works, with the construction, repair or improvements of which his office has been charged, and also of the condition of public property under its supervision, together with recommendations in regard thereto. The progress of the work on the Court-house and Post-office in New-York City, he states, has been not only gratifying, but its cost has been kept within the amount of the estimates, and the first story is now nearly completed. An idea of the immense amount of work that has been done may be formed from the following statement of materials used and labor expended to the present time, viz.: 2,476,960 bricks, 15,701 barrels of cement, 144,087 feet of cube granite, 2,689 yards of rubble masonry, 5,206,443 pounds of wrought and cast iron, and the magnitude of the undertaking may be judged from the fact that there are now engaged at DIX ISLAND 1,002 persons in preparation of granite alone, of whom 704 are employed in cutting the granite for the Government, and 298 in quarrying the stock and otherwise for the contractors. Three hundred and twenty-seven thousand one hundred and sixty-nine and one-half days' labor have already been expended in cutting and boxing the granite after it has been quarried, and it is estimated that 300,000 days' labor will be required to complete that branch of the work alone. The fidelity and capacity exhibited by the superintendent, Hon. CALVIN. T. HURLBURD, cannot be over estimated, or too highly praised, and he sees no reason whatever to doubt that the building will be completed within the limit fixed by law. The nature of the soil required that the foundations for the New-York Post-office should be laid at a depth of thirty-three feet below the level of the sidewalk, and that sheet piling should be used to the entire depth.

The completion of the granite dock on the Battery renders a decision in regard to a new barge office imperative, as it will be of little or no practical value to the Revenue Department, for whose use it was principally intended, until a suitable building is erected thereon. In this connection I again call attention to the importance of securing the whole, or a portion of the Battery, as a site for the erection of a new Custom-house, and other buildings for the use of the Revenue Department in that city. The present buildings are overcrowded and unsuitable with the increasing of business of that port, and cannot much longer be used. The Battery is the natural and only suitable location for such structures, and should be secured before too late. I respectfully suggest that authority be obtained from Congress for a full and thorough investigation of this subject. I also desire to call attention to the importance of erecting appraisers' stores in that city. The building now occupied is not only unsuitable for the examination and appraisal of goods, or for their safety while in the custody of the Government, but for the accommodation of its officers and the public. The enormous increase in that branch of public business can be well illustrated by a comparison of receipts for the months of August and September of the present year with the corresponding period in 1869 and 1870, which shows an increase during the present year of thirty and a half per cent., and unless some definite action is taken soon, the rent, which amounts at present to $66,325 per annum, must be increased, and additional accommodations procured elsewhere. If the present system of renting is continued for the next ten years, the Government will pay more than the value of a suitable building and site, without even obtaining facilities for the transaction of its business, or any adequate security for the goods in its custody. I believe that few expenditures are more urgently demanded by the necessities of the Government than this.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

Comments on the Corea Difficulty—Failure of the Treaty Between China and Japan—Resistance of the Diamios to the Decree of the Government.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 29.—The special steamer *Alaska*, from Hong Kong Oct. 20, and Yokohama Nov. 3, arrived here this morning. She has a full cargo of tea and merchandise, mainly bound East and overland. The advices from Yokohama are to noon of the day of sailing of the steamer. There was much comment by foreigners and Japanese at the action of the American Government in abandoning the expedition to Corea. This action, it is conceded, is detrimental to our national honor and highly prejudicial to the interests of foreigners, both in China and Japan. The naval demonstration against Corea never should have been undertaken unless the American people were prepared to carry out their intention. There is a rumor that Corea has made an attack upon the Japanese island of Tsusima, lying between Nagasaki and Corea, it being claimed as Corean territory. The Ambassadors to China have returned to Yeddo, owing to some diplomatic mistake having occurred. It is said the Ambassadors have brought no treaty with them. China wanted a treaty of alliance, defensive and offensive, which Japan is hardly in a condition to accede to. Serious troubles have taken place in the southern districts of Japan, in consequence of the Government edict abrogating the position of Diamios, and absorbing their territories, and giving nothing in return. Rice was never more plentiful than the present year, and the Government is called upon to export the surplus and supply the Saigon market, where the crops have entirely failed. The railroad to Yeddo, from Yokohama, will probably be finished the present year, but it is so poorly ballasted that it will have to be rebuilt within another year. Telegraphic communication between Nagasaki and Osaki will soon be completed, and then direct communication with Europe and America will be insured.

THE HAVANA SQUADRON.

Movements of the Monitors—The New Flag-ship of the North Atlantic Squadron.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—It is supposed at the Navy Department that the *Terror* having yesterday been ordered to Havana will arrive there today. The *Worcester*, now at Boston, will be the flag-ship of the North Atlantic Fleet, Admiral LEE having, it is said, left Washington today to join her. The *Swatara*, now at Norfolk, cannot immediately join the squadron, as the Captain reported this morning that she first requires repairs. The *Severn* is nominally in commission, but will not be fitted for sea. The *Worcester* takes her place. The *Kansas* and *Nipsic* will soon join the squadron. The *Shawmut*, which recently started for Brazil, will be recalled for temporary duty in the squadron. The authorities do not apprehend any difficulties at Havana with American citizens, but say the return of the squadron to the North Atlantic is in accordance with usage to have a force convenient for the protection of our citizens, should necessity for it occur. They look upon the recent disturbances in Havana as merely of a local character, and as significant of the assumed importance of the volunteers against the Spanish authorities. The *Congress*, now at New-York, will, it is supposed, go to the Mediterranean to relieve the *Guerriere* as the flag-ship of the fleet.

UTAH.

The Charge of Murder Against Brigham Young and Others.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Nov. 28.—Hon. C. H. HEMPSTED'S argument on behalf of defendants in the case of The People *vs.* BRIGHAM YOUNG, HICKMAN, KIMBALL and others, for murder, to quash the indictment, occupied the attention of the Court the whole of to-day. The Mormons assert emphatically that BRIGHAM YOUNG will make every effort to be present at the Court on Monday next. He is 300 miles away, and the roads are bad, but it is thought he will be here in time.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Business will be generally suspended in Chicago today.

The Masons of Salt Lake are preparing for a grand ball on next St. John's Day.

The National Board of Trade will meet in St. Louis on Dec. 6, and not at Cincinnati.

The Democrats of Lawrence, Mass., have nominated JOHN J. DOLAND for Mayor.

DUGGAN, the alleged murderer of KIERCE, at New-Haven, has been found and arrested.

Both Mormons and Gentiles will suspend business today for the observance of Thanksgiving in Utah.

Rev. J. S. BURKE, a Catholic priest, was run over and fatally injured at Worcester, Mass., by the cars, on Tuesday night.

A car load of convicts from Sing Sing Prison have been transferred to Auburn. ROSENZWEIG the abortionist was among the number.

NEWTON TALBOT, the regular Republican candidate, has also received the nomination of the Citizen's Committee for Mayor of Boston.

GEO. WALDRON, of Seal Harbor, Me., aged thirty years, was killed by a blast in the granite quarries near Rockland, on Tuesday.

PATRICK HEFFERNAN and MICHAEL EMMETT were sentenced, yesterday, in Boston, to ten years each in the State Prison, for highway robbery.

GOV. ALCORN, of Mississippi, will today resign and turn over the Executive office to Lieut.-Gov. POWERS, and will leave for Washington on Thursday.

Judgment has been entered in the sequestration case against Ex-City Treasurer MARCER, of Philadelphia, for $478,000, the amount of defalcation.

Rev. A. A. MINER has been chosen President of the Massachusetts Temperance Alliance, *vice* Z. L. RAYMOND, resigned on the ground of ill-health.

The Pacific Hotel and Railroad Eating-house, at Dubuque, Iowa, were burned yesterday. They belonged to the Illinois Central Railroad Company.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has opened a general office at Flushing, Long Island, in the book-store of THOMAS H. LEGGETT, Main-street.

The trouble between the blacksmiths of the Central Railroad, at Albany, and the Company, which threatened to be a serious strike, has been amicably settled.

JOSEPH BAUER and his son JOSEPH were seriously if not fatally wounded in Philadelphia, on Tuesday night, by Police Sergeant PAULLEY, who was arresting young BAUER, a fugitive from justice, when the father interfered, and both overpowered the officer, who then drew a revolver and fired seven shots, nearly all of which took effect.

Mrs. CADY STANTON was served with a legal process for damages of $100, on Tuesday night, at Wheeling, W. Va., for failure to keep an engagement to lecture there last Winter. She will contest the claim.

On Thursday last, while clearing up the residence of RESIN HAMMOND, of Charlestown, Ind., recently deceased, an old trunk was discovered containing $20,00 in coin, Treasury notes and other money.

The Georgetown and Auburn stage in California was robbed Tuesday by highwaymen, who secured WELLS, FARGO & Co.'s box, containing $16,000, and carried it off to a part of the Sierra, where the snow was five feet deep.

Human bones were found yesterday in the *débris* of No. 68 North Clark-street, Chicago, which, before the fire, was occupied by a family named DRESSLER, consisting of the husband, wife, and wife's brother, all of whom have been missing since the fire.

Ex-Controller Connolly in Ludlow-Street Jail—Three of his Bondsmen Withdraw.

Mr. CONNOLY left the New-York Hotel at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, in company with Mr. JUDSON JARVIS, the Order of Arrest Clerk in the Sheriff's office, and returned to the hotel late in the afternoon. At about 7½ in the evening he left again in company with Deputy Sheriff KEESE. Inquiries made subsequently at the hotel failed to elicit any definite information as to his whereabouts, or as to the probability of his return. It was then ascertained that he had given up his rooms. A visit was then paid to Ludlow-street Jail, and at exactly 12 o'clock, (midnight,) Mr. Connolly, in company with Mr. JARVIS, Deputy Sheriffs KEESE and MCLAUGHLIN, and an attaché of the Controller's office, arrived at the jail in two carriages. It was then stated that Messrs. OWEN MCGOVERN, ROBERT BOYD and PHILIP SMITH, three of his sureties, had withdrawn from the bond, and that no further hope was entertained of Mr. CONNOLLY'S ability to perfect his bond.

Immediately on Mr. CONNOLLY'S arrival at the jail he was shown to the best room in the building, where he will remain for the present, and every effort will be made to make his forcible sojourn as pleasant as circumstances will permit. No intercourse was had between him and any one except Mr. JARVIS and Warden TRACEY. Of the sureties who withdrew from the bond, Mr. MCGOVERN had justified in $200,000, Mr. BOYD in $200,000, and Mr. SMITH in $50,000. The whole amount justified previous to these withdrawals was $1,250,000, leaving the amount now $800,000.

The Surgeon-General of the Navy.

Surgeon WILLIAM MAXWELL WOOD, who, on attaining the age of sixty-two years, has lately resigned the office of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery of the Navy, deserves, at least, the tribute of a notice as he retires to private life.

He has passed his whole life in the navy, filling every grade, and acting as Fleet Surgeon in the Pacific during the Mexican war; as Fleet Surgeon in the Chinese Squadron during the English war with China, and as Fleet Surgeon of the Atlantic Squadron during the rebellion. Combining skill in his profession with the highest tone of character and energy in organization, he has effected great improvements in the discipline and standing of the corps. It was chiefly owing to his writings and personal influence that the Staff Rank bill was passed by the last Congress. He retires from the highest post attainable in his profession, under a rule of the Department, in the prime of his physical and mental powers, with the respect and gratitude of his profession.

The country owes to him to a great degree the acquisition of California, he having carried to our fleet in the Pacific, from the City of Mexico, the news of the Mexican war, thus enabling our fleet to anticipate the English in the seizure of that province.

The *Hearth and Home* has a Thanksgiving number of great attractiveness. The illustration on the opening page, eminently suited to the occasion, represents the way in which the Thanksgiving festival will be celebrated in many hundred homes in the burnt districts of Michigan. An absolute denial is given to the assertion that all babies look alike by the picture called the "Baby Show," in which are given the portraits of a greater number of babies than we have time or patience to count, each one of whom is as distinctly individual in appearance as it is possible for any person to be. The literary matter has a general bearing upon the less

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Expose of the Street-Cleaning Swindle—Closing of the Dens of Death—The Cholera Abated—Another View of Street-Car Accidents—Movements and Mortality of Contagious Diseases.

The Board of Health met yesterday, President BOSWORTH in the chair.

The Sanitary Committee presented another severe report on the derelictions of the street-cleaning contractor. During the past week many streets in the more densely-populated portions of the City were not cleaned at all, and those which were gone over were very imperfectly done. On a great number of streets the ashes and garbage were not removed, and the Committee said that the "whole business of street-cleaning is done in a most slovenly manner, the laborers employed being mostly decrepit alms-house relics." A copy of the report was ordered to be sent to the Street-cleaning Commission.

PETER DOLAN, owner of the Tabernacle tenement in rear of Nos. 5, 7 and 9 Mulberry-street, presented an application for the revocation of the order closing the house as a human habitation. By a unanimous vote, the Board refused to rescind the order, and the house will therefore be permanently closed on Saturday next.

A report was made against the three-story frame house No. 188 Washington-street, owned by the New-Jersey Railroad Company, as unfit for human habitation, and it was ordered to be vacated within ten days, and not again occupied without a special permit from the Board.

Dr. CARNOCHAN, Health Officer, reported that cholera has disappeared from the ports, there having been no new cases since the 14th inst., and no deaths since the 15th inst. The question of allowing the *Franklin* to come up to her dock was then presented. After some discussion the matter was left to the discretion of the Health Officer.

Dr. STEPHEN SMITH presented a paper upon accidents arising from persons getting on and off the front platforms of street-cars. Dr. SMITH yesterday presented arguments in favor of making an ordinance compelling the street railway companies to so arrange their cars as to prevent ingress or egress by the front platform. After considerable discussion, the subject was again referred to the Committee.

The following are the number of cases of contagious diseases reported for the week ended Nov. 25: Typhus fever, 5; typhoid fever, 10; scarlet fever, 54; small-pox, 41, and diphtheria, 5. During the past week scarlet fever has considerably increased in numbers over the previous week. Small-pox diminished but 2 in comparison with the previous week, and since Saturday last 23 additional new cases have been reported. The most prompt and effective measures with reference to its control are constantly applied. These are the protection of those who have been either directly or indirectly exposed to each case by vaccination and revaccination; the fumigation of the infected premises immediately following the removal to hospital of the patient; the disinfection of all clothing or other articles that have been exposed to the infection, and burning of the bed. The corps of vaccinators are kept constantly employed and are vaccinating about 400 persons per day. During their visits in the last three days they have made over 150 primary vaccinations upon children, whose parents have failed to have this operation performed.

Dr. CHAS. F. RUSSELL, Registrar of Records, reports as follows: During the past week there were registered 437 deaths, being an increase of 17 over the previous week, and 32 less than for the corresponding week of 1871. Zymotic diseases occasioned 106 deaths; constitutional, 111; local, 173; developmental, 24, and violent causes, 23. There was a further increase in the fatal cases of small-pox from 7 to 10, the largest weekly number within three months. There were 3 deaths by measles, the same as in the previous week. The mortality by scarlatina rose from 13 to 18, that by diphtheria and croup together, from 14 to 20; that by typhus fever, from 0 to 3; that by typhoid fever, from 3 to 5, and that by remittent fever, from 6 to 8.

Another Seventh Ward Inspector of Election in Court.

Yesterday afternoon JOHN WHITTEN, of No. 135 East Broadway, who was an inspector of election in the Eighth District of the Seventh Ward, went to the Yorkville Police Court and gave himself up to Sergt. PHILBIN, who held a warrant for his arrest upon the complaint of Wm. MCMAHON, Reform candidate for Assembly from the Fourth Assembly District, who charged him with miscounting the votes. Justice BIXBY held him in $2,000 bail for examination.

An Order Against Tweed Forbidding Him to Dispose of his Property.

In the suit brought by the City against WILLIAM M. TWEED, to recover moneys alleged to have been wrongfully received by the latter, and in which an order of arrest has been heretofore executed, an application was made to Judge BRADY yesterday for an order of injunction to restrain TWEED from conveying away his property. The order was granted, together with an order to show cause at the Special Term of the Supreme Court at Albany why it should not be made perpetual.

The form of the order of injunction is as follows:

SUPREME COURT.—The People of the State of New-York against WILLIAM M. TWEED et al.—On reading the affidavits of JOHN A. STOUTENBURGH and WHEELER H. PECKHAM, and on all the papers and proceedings in this case: It is ordered that the defendant, WILLIAM M. TWEED, show cause before a Special Term of this Court, to be held in the City Hall in the City of Albany, in and for the County of Albany, on the last Tuesday of December, 1871, at the opening of this Court on that day, or so soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why he should not be restrained and enjoined from removing or disposing of his property during the pendency of this action, and in the meantime, and until the hearing of said motion, the said defendant TWEED is strictly enjoined and prohibited from removing or disposing of his said property.

JAMES R BRADY, Justice.

Another Robbery at Tiffany's.

For nearly a year past, Mr. CHARLES B. STOCKWELL, manager of TIFFANY'S jewelry-store, has missed several valuable articles from the premises, and his suspicion finally rested on CHARLES H. WALLACE, aged nineteen, a clerk employed in the retail department. Resolved to terminate the peculations, he placed four five-dollar bills in WALLACE'S drawer, late on Tuesday evening, and carefully marked them. The following morning they were missed, and calling WALLACE into his private office, he demanded to see what money he had in his possession. The order was reluctantly obeyed, and the stolen bills were found among it. WALLACE then confessed to having stolen at several periods various articles of jewelry, amounting in all to $1,639 50. He was arraigned at Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday, and committed for trial to the Court of General Sessions.

Probable Homicide.

JOHN DALY, a native of Ireland, fifty-four years of age, and a laborer by occupation, died suddenly yesterday morning, at his home, on the top floor of No. 368 West Fifty-third-street. It was ascertained that he had frequently had quarrels with his wife, CATHARINE, and that on Sunday of last week she struck him on the head with a hatchet, inflicting a severe wound. In consequence of these discoveries, the widow of deceased was arrested by the Police and locked up in the Twenty-second Precinct Station-house, to await the result of an inquest.

False Reports Concerning Mr. and Mrs. Edsall, of Chicago.

From the Chicago Journal, Nov. 27.

The Chicago *Sun*, a weekly paper published at the Stock Yards, in its issue of the 23d inst., revives the nonsensical report that the body of Mr. BARTON EDSALL, who was mysteriously murdered a few days previous to the fire, was burned in his house in the great fire, and that Mrs. EDSALL, his wife, had lost her reason on account of this additional calamity. This sad report has been contradicted in the city papers. This morning the Chicago *Times* republishes the history of the death of Mr. EDSALL with the additional false statement that Mrs. EDSALL died on Wednesday, Oct. 11, from fright incurred at the time of the fire. The facts are that Mrs. EDSALL is alive and well, and resides now at No. 680 Michigan-avenue. She, in connection with her mother, Mrs. NELSON, and Mrs. SHERBURN, was taken from her burning home, on the North Side, at between 3 and 4 o'clock Monday morning, Oct. 9, to the residence of Judge GOUDY, near Wright's Grove, where she remained until 12 o'clock of that same day, when she, with the other ladies mentioned, was taken by Mr. W. H. JUDSON, a clerk in HURLBUT & EDSALL'S store, in his carriage, into the West Division, crossing over North-avenue bridge, and afterward to the place before mentioned on Michigan-avenue.

The Proposed Sale of the Hoosac Tunnel.

From the Boston Traveller, Nov. 28.

The announcement that the Executive Council had received a proposition for the sale of the interest of the Commonwealth in the Hoosac Tunnel, aroused our business men, who realize the importance of that enterprise to Boston. The Council had a hearing this forenoon, but, contrary to expectation, it was given in private. It appeared, however, that the offer came from Messrs. VAIL and ROBERTSON, of New-York, who are supposed to represent CORNELIUS VANDERBILT. The authority under which it was thought the sale might be arranged, is given in chapter 334, section 2, of the acts of 1868, providing for the completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and the Hoosac Tunnel, and it authorizes the Governor and Council to dispose of the interest of the Commonwealth in those enterprises. The hearing, today, was a private consultation with the officers of the Fitchburg and the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroads, the lessees of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, on the expediency of the proposed sale. The lessees oppose the sale, as do all who have any interest in the success of the enterprise.

Indeed, it is difficult to find an advocate of the sale, anywhere. And if the State should sell "its interest," there are rights which could not be so easily disposed of—the right of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company to redeem its mortgage, for instance.

"BLACK FRIDAY" LITIGATION.

The Jury Locked Up—Rumors of Improper Influence on Some of the Jurors.

The writ of DAVIS and others against FISK, GOULD and others, growing out of the gold operations of what is commonly known as "Black Friday," was continued before Judge MCCUNN and a jury yesterday. In addition to the testimony already published in the TIMES, two of the leading clerks of HEATH & CO. testified to the presence of FISK and GOULD in the office of their employers on Thursday morning before the opening of business hours, whereas both FISK and GOULD testified that it was on the afternoon of that day they were there. The case was summed up by WILLIAM A. BEACH and DAVID DUDLEY FIELD on behalf of the defendants, and by Ex-Judge ENOTT on behalf of plaintiffs. In his charge to the jury, Judge MCCUNN said the chief questions in the case were whether, as testified to by SPEYERS and denied by SMITH, the latter gave instructions to the former to purchase $2,000,000 of gold, and whether the subsequent interview between all the defendants and SPEYERS took place in the office of HEATH & Co., as testified to by SPEYERS; that the verdict they would be entitled to render, if in favor of plaintiffs, would be for the difference between what the gold sold for and what it was selling for at the hour when it was deliverable under the rules of the Gold Board—12½ P. M.

After the jury had been absent an hour they came into Court and reported that there was apparently no probability of their agreeing.

Judge MCCUNN said that, in view of the importance of the case, he deemed it his duty to keep them together.

The foreman of the jury then stated that they stood ten for plaintiffs and two for defendants, and wanted to know if the Court could not inquire as to whether any improper influence had been brought to bear on members of the jury.

Judge MCCUNN said in reply that, in the meantime, he would keep them together, and, at a subsequent stage of the case, before the jury was discharged, he would consider what would be proper to do concerning the intimation of the juror.

At 7½ o'clock the jury had failed to agree, and were locked up for the night, and a sealed verdict ordered.

THE BUILDING RECORD.

Proposed New Buildings.

The following is the list of new buildings proposed for erection in the City since the last report, and for the week ending Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1871. The report is an official one, from plans filed at the office of JAMES M. MACGREGOR, Superintendent of the Department of Buildings:

BROWN-STONE FRONTS.

Nine first-class dwellings, north side of Fifty-ninth-street, 100 feet east of Madison-avenue, 16.8 by 60, four stories; JOHN G. PRAGUE, architect.

Seven first-class dwellings, north side of Forty-fourth-street, 200 feet east of Eighth-avenue, 20 by 50, three and basement stories; J. BLACKHURST and J. HENDERSON, owners.

Four first-class dwellings, north side Forty-Fourth-street, 125 feet east of Eighth-avenue, 18.9 by 50, three and basement stories; J. BLCKHURST and J. HENDERSON, owners.

One stable, east side Fourth-avenue, 75 feet south of Eighteenth-street, 24.9 by 37.6, two and attic stories; T. MCGINNESS, owner.

BRICK FRONTS.

Two first-class brick dwellings, west side Tenth-avenue, 50 feet south of Thirty-fifth-street, 25 by 50, four stories; JOHN CODY, owner.

Two tenements, north side Fifty-second-street, 187 feet east of Ninth-avenue, 18 by 63, four stories; BERNARD MUNDAY, owner.

One brick tenement, No. 116 Ludlow-street, 25½ by 63, five stories; L. BOHM, owner.

One brick factory, south side Ninety-second-street, 220 feet west of Second-avenue, 56.6 by 49.4, five stories; H. ELIAS & CO., owners.

One brick stable, No. 159 East Fifty-second-street, 25 by 120, two stories; TIMOTHY CASSEN, owner.

One brick factory, Nos. 506 and 508 East Nineteenth-street, 50 by 40, four stories; J. H. SIEBERT, owner.

One brick factory, Nos. 52 and 54 Lewis-street, 50 by 41.4, one story; A. & F. BROWN, owners.

One brick church, between Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets, and Ninth and Tenth avenues, 263 feet west of Ninth-avenue, 63 by 200.10, one and basement stories; the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, owner.

FRAME BUILDINGS.

Four frame stores, south-west corner Third-avenue and Ninety-first-street, 50.10 by 52, one story; Mr. SEAMON, owner.

Alterations in Buildings.

For the week ending Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1871, the following are the only plans of importance for alterations in buildings submitted at the Department in this City. No alterations are reported where the expense incurred does not exceed the sum of $1,000:

One brick building, No. 53 Goerck-street, 30 by 40, three stories in height, doorway cut in basement, and one-story partition wall to connect house with stable; WILLIAM SIMPSON, owner.

One brick building, Nos. 291 and 293 Bowery, (Germania Assembly Rooms,) 48 by 105, three stories, building to have a new story added, with a mansard roof; FERNANDO WOOD, owner.

One brick tenement, west side of Mulberry-street, 100 feet north of Chatham-street, 50 by 50, four stories, present shingle roof taken off and new tin roof put on; PETER DOLAN, owner.

One brick factory, No. 17 Jay-street, 21 by 53, two stories high, building to be three stories, or 10 feet higher than at present; H. STERLING POLLOCK, owner.

One brick building, used as a boiler-house, Nos. 33 and 35 Coriears-street, 24 by 65, two stories, extension built, 16 by 65, two stories; MOLLER & MARTENS, owners.

Unsafe Buildings.

Since our last report, and for the week ending Wednesday, Nov. 29, the following buildings in this City have been reported as unsafe, in the particulars annexed, at the office of the Superintendent of the Department:

JOHN ADRIANCE, north-east corner One Hundredth and Twenty-eighth-street and Third-avenue; JOHN HOLZDERBER, north-east corner West Broadway and Walker, and Nos. 2, 4 and 6 Walker-street; D. H. KING, agent, No. 29 Henry-street; CAROLINE LEWIS, No. 279 Water-street; WM. HUME, No. 7 Dover-street; GEO. JONES, No. 9 Dover-street; B. BLANCO, No. 4 Dover-street; Chichester Estate, No. 330 Pearl-street; J. A. UNDERWOOD & SON, No. 334 Pearl-street; JOHN BROSNAN, No. 3 Dover-street; W. HEGEMAN, lessee, No. 399 Broadway, unsafe chimneys.

WM. HOPKINS, rear of No. 219 West Sixteenth-street, unsafe generally; S. CAMBRELING, No. 76 Morton-street, unsafe generally; JOHN ROBINSON, south side Twenty-third-street, 80 feet east of First-avenue, rear, unsafe walls; G. N. MARSHALL, trustee, No. 423 Broadway, unsafe wall; GEORGE JONES, No. 284 Water-street, unsafe walls and pier; A. M. KNIGHT, No. 420 Water-street, unsafe generally; WM. C. ROGERS, two buildings, Nos. 81 and 83 West Houston-street, unsafe walls; JOHN H. V. ARNOLD, south side Twenty-fifth-street, 75 feet east of First-avenue, unsafe wall; ALEX ROUX, No. 45 Mercer-street, unsafe wall; D. H. KING, agent, No. 29 Henry-street, unsafe wall; JOHN ADRIANCE, north-east corner One Hundred and Twenty-eighth-street and Third-avenue, unsafe walls and broken lintels.

The Grand Jury and the Municipal Frauds—The Present Term Extended.

In the Court of General Sessions yesterday, in pursuance of a request made by the Grand Jury on the previous day to extend the present term of that body for the consideration of the Municipal frauds, Judge BEDFORD ordered the Court to continue until the third Monday of December. The Judge said:

"Mr. Foreman and gentlemen of the Grand Jury, in compliance with your request made yesterday in open Court, I have carefully examined the law and feel satisfied that I have the right to extend any term of this Court for the dispatch of business and for the purpose of facilitating the ends of justice. Now, in order that each of you, gentlemen of the Grand Jury, and the community at large, may fully realize and thoroughly understand my sincerity and earnestness of purpose in carrying out the suggestions of my late Grand Jury charge, I shall this day extend the present term of this Court until the third Monday in December, to wit, the 18th day of December, and hereby direct the Clerk of this Court to enter in the minutes an order to that effect."

The Harlem Building Casualty.

Coroner KEENAN yesterday concluded the inquest in the case of CHARLES NEILSON, who was killed on the 17th inst., by the falling of the three brown-stone-front buildings in One Hundred and Twenty-second-street, near First-avenue. The evidence taken exonerated the builder and the Department of Buildings from any negligence in the matter, and the jury rendered a verdict of accidental death. The jury expressed the opinion that the failing of the buildings was due to an unusually high tide undermining the foundations.

The East River Suicide.

A post-mortem examination was made, yesterday, by Dr. JOSEPH CASHMAN, of the body of MARY RODER, who was found drowned at Pier No. 2 East River. No evidence of any violence having been done her could be discovered, and it is supposed that she committed suicide, probably by throwing herself from one of the East River ferry-boats. Deceased formerly boarded at the Spingler House, and left there about a week ago, since which time she has not been seen alive by any one who knew her. An inquest will be held in the case by Coroner SCHIRMER.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The principal feature of interest in relation to real estate at the Exchange, yesterday, Nov. 29, was the sale, by order of the Supreme Court in partition, by JOSEPH MCGUIRE, under the direction of DANIEL P. INGRAHAM, Jr., Esq., referee, of the premises known as Nos. 20, 22 and 24 Lexington-avenue, commencing on the north-west corner of Lexington-avenue and Twenty-third-street, comprising three two-story brick stables and lots, each 19.6 by 50. The property was actively competed for, and realized $30,725. The same auctioneer also sold, by order of the Supreme Court, under the direction of JOHN G. BUSHNELL, Esq., referee, the three-story and cellar brick house and lot known as No. 245 Elizabeth-street, between Prince and Houston streets, for $13,800. Mr. JAMES M. MILLER adjourned the Supreme Court sale of the premises situate on the south side of Fortieth-street, 280.4 feet east of Ninth-avenue, to Dec. 14. Messrs. A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. also adjourned the receiver's sale of the lot of land situated on the south side of One Hundred and Eighth-street, 25 feet west of Lexington-avenue, to an indefinite period.

RECAPITULATION.

By Joseph McGuire.

Lexington av. and 23d-st., n. w. corner, brick stable and lot, 19.6x50; to Robert Irwin, for..	$13,175
Lexington-av., w. s., adjoining above, brick stable and lot, 19.4x50; to the same, for.....	8,525
Lexington-av., west side, adjoining above, brick stable and lot, 19.4x50; to the same, for.....	9,025
Elizabeth-st., w. s. between Prince and Houston sts. h. and l., 25x92.6; to John J. Hebbeli, for.....	13,800

Auction Sale of Stocks, &c., at the Exchange, Nov. 29, 1871.

Messrs. MULLER, WILKINS & Co., sold, by order of the trustees under the will of the late DANIEL B. FEARING, 244 shares Mechanics' National Bank, $25 each, 134; 300 shares National Bank of Commerce, $100 each, 115½; 78 shares Metropolitan National Bank, $100 each, 136½; 600 shares Broadway National Bank, $25 each, 27½; 108 shares American Exchange National Bank, $100 each, 112½; 50 shares Leather Manufacturers' National Bank, $100 each, 196; 134 shares Merchants' National Bank, $50 each, $122¾; 200 shares Union National Bank, $50 each, $133; 416 shares Manhattan Gas-light Company, $50 each, $246@$250; 250 shares Pennsylvania Coal Company, $50 each, 230@231½; $15,400 Manhattan Gas-light Company seven per cent. certificates, accrued interest reserved, $100½; 100 shares Fireman's Insurance Company, $17 each, $114½; $30,000 Chicago, South Park Seven per Cent. Bonds, due 1879, interest January and July at American Exchange Bank, $1,000 each, 90½@90¾; $12,000 St. Louis, Alton and Terre Haute Railroad Company First Mortgage Seven per Cent. Sinking Fund Bonds, due 1894, interest April and October in New-York, $1,000 each, 97½; $30,000 St. Louis, Alton and Terre Haute Railroad Company Second Mortgage Preferred Seven per Cent. Bonds, due 1894, interest May and November, principal and interest payable in New-York, $1,000 each, 83@85½; $25,000 Chicago and North-western Railroad Company Consolidated Sinking Fund Seven per Cent. Bonds, due 1915, interest February, May, August, and November, in New-York, $1,000 each, 92; $16,000 North Missouri Railroad Company First Mortgage, West Branch, Seven per Cent. Bonds, due 1895, interest January and July at Bank of Commerce, New-York, $1,000 each, 87¾@87⅝.

By order of the executors of JAMES MENSON, deceased: 70 shares St. Nicholas Fire Insurance Company, $25 each, 102; 82 shares Corn Exchange Insurance Company, $37 50 each, 54; 38 shares Arctic Fire Insurance Company, $25 each, 88; 150 shares People's Gas-Light Company, $10 each, 112½.

By order of executor: 100 shares Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, $10 each, 52½; 10 shares Corn Exchange Insurance Company, (old stock,) $30 each, 130.

By order of FRANCIS T. WALKER, for account of whom it may concern, 100 shares New-York Gas-light Company, $100 each, 176@177.

For account of whom it may concern, 50 shares Home Insurance Company, delivered by power of attorney, and certificate, $100 each, 40; 30 shares Bowery Fire Insurance Company, ex-dividend, $25 each, 20½; 50 shares Union National Bank, $50 each, 132¾; 24 shares Mechanics' National Bank, $25 each, $135.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING AS a few of the desirable houses we have for sale, with immediate possession:

E. H. LUDLOW & CO.

No. 324 5th-av.	No. 137 West 21st-st.
No. 398 5th-av.	No. 41 West 22d-st.
No. 615 5th-av.	No. 20 West 30th-st.
5th-av., s. w. corner 56th-st., and adjoining.	No. 143 East 29th-st.
	No. 29 East 31st-st.
No. 46 Park-av.	No. 46 West 35th-st.
No. 78 Park-av.	No. 10 East 37th-st.
No. 93 Park-av.	No. 36 West 38th-st.
No. 331 Madison-av.	No. 13 East 40th-st.
No. 559 Madison-av.	No. 7 East 40th-st.
No. 308 Lexington-av.	No. 10 East 46th-st.
No. 163 Lexington-av.	No. 32 West 51st-st.
No. 119 2d-av.	No. 69 West 53d-st.
No. 49 East 10th-st.	No. 7 West 56th-st.
No. 4 West 16th-st.	No. 159 East 56th-st.
No. 29 West 21st-st.	

We give the above houses, with the numbers, that they may be seen from the outside. For interior examination we shall be pleased to furnish permits at our offices, No. 3 Pine-st., and No. 33 East 17th-st. (Union-square.)

Desirable Houses for Sale by

V. K. STEVENSON & SON,

52d-st., near 5th-av., four-story dwelling, 25x70x100.
50th-st., near 5th-av., four story, leasehold, 24x62x100.
Park-av., near 37th-st., full-sized superb dwelling.
Madison-av., extra full and medium-sized desirable houses.
5th-av., extra full and medium-sized desirable houses.

ALSO,

$100,000 ESTATE FUNDS to loan on bond and mortgage on IMPROVED and accessible UNIMPROVED City real estate. MORTGAGES CASHED. Apply at the office, No. 11 Pine-st.

A VERY THOROUGHLY BUILT house, four story, high stoop, 26x58x120, superior order, with or without extra lot and stable, near Cooper Institute, desirable for residence or business, for sale cheap. W. P. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

$32,500.—A FINE BROWN-STONE house, four story, high stoop, 20x50 and extension, complete order; 48th-st., between 5th and 6th avs., (in fee.) W. P. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

FIFTH-AV. NO. 615.—ONE OF THE most elegant houses on the avenue; four story, high stoop, brown stone, 42x65 and 35 feet extension; price and terms very reasonable; also, Nos. 714 and 718 5th-av. W. P. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

FOR SALE—VALUABLE STORE PROPERty on Broadway opposite City Hall Park: rental of about $30,000 per annum. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

MADISON-AV., NEAR 38TH-ST.—A first-class brown-stone house, perfect order; very cheap; also, an elegant corner house, 38 feet front, same locality. W. P. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

A BARGAIN.—BEAUTIFUL SUBURBAN house and grounds, within forty-five minutes of New-York business offices, and accessible by over fifty trains daily; situated near depots in the best portion of Elizabeth; high ground; extra large lot, fruit and shade trees, lawn, garden, &c. House is comfortable, roomy and tasteful; modern design and fittings; situated on the path of extensive improvements, with a steady rise in value. All City conveniences, combined with country air, food and living; good markets, schools, and unsurpassed travel. Payments in good shape.

CHOICE BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE.

For view of house and full particulars of property, address OWNER. Post-office Box No. 235, New-York.

Homes for All.

Four tracks with steel rails, when completed, with cars and ferry-boats unsurpassed, much increase the value of every home on the line of the Central Railroad of New-Jersey. For information as to houses, lots, farms, &c., on the line, apply to A. D. HOPE, No. 119 Liberty-st.

SAN FRANCISCO PROPERTY FOR SALE,

Fronting on Front, Sacramento and Commercial sts., all occupied and yielding full rent, to wit:

Lot on the south-west corner of Front and Commercial sts., with first-class two-story building.

Lot on the north side of Sacramento-st., a few doors above Montgomery, with three-story building, and adjoining lot on the south side of Commercial-st., at the same distance from Montgomery-st., with two-story building.

Terms cash, or partly cash.

For further particulars apply to

BELLOC FRERES,
No. 524 Montgomery-st.

MORRISANIA.—FOR SALE OR TO LET, with immediate possession, a two-story frame dwelling, with a two-story tea-room, 20x20, twelve rooms, all in good order; hot and cold water, bath, water-closet, stationary tubs, speaking-tubes, furnace and gas, with about four city lots of ground, in garden, fruit, shade and lawn; pleasantly situated, on high ground, five minutes of steam-cars and three minutes of horse-cars; terms made to suit the purchaser. Also an eight-room house and five city lots, within three minutes of steam-cars; price $5,000; $4,000 can remain on bond and mortgage. Inquire of JAMES L. PARSHALL, on Washington-av., corner of 5th-st.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, lands and village lots for sale; a great variety. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by BLISS & WEED, 341 Broadway, 9 to 11; or Orange, corner Main and Cone sts.

NYACK, ON HUDSON.—FOR SALE, country seat; four acres; $15,000; villa sites, one to twenty acres river front. C. H. GREEN.

GOSHEN FARM FOR SALE—55 ACRES, stock, crops, utensils, possession. Terms easy. S. EDDY & CO., No. 1 Park-place.

REAL ESTATE WANTED.

WANTED—AN EIGHTEEN OR TWENTY foot lot, suitable for a private residence, near Madison-av. and below 50th-st. Address, stating situation and terms, A. W. C., Box 2,011 New-York.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

TO LET—AT A LOW RENT, ON THE BANKS of the Hudson, 103d-st., Bloomingdale, a dwelling-house, with barn and stable, and plenty of land for a garden; a pleasant suburban residence near the grand Boulevard. Apply at No. 5 Beekman-st., Room No. 7, first floor.

FURNISHED HOUSE ON STATEN Island to let from this time until first of April or May; situated near West Brighton landing, North Shore; rent low to a small family. Inquire of Mr. RAYNOR, No. 117 William-st.

ENGLEWOOD, N. J.—A FIRST-CLASS residence, complete in every department, to let for the Winter, or longer if desired; rent reasonable. Address Post-office Box No. 103, Station A.

TO LET—NO. 462 BROOME-ST., NEAR MERcer. Apply to H. C. PEDDER, Arnold, Constable & Co.'s, No. 309 Canal-st.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

OFFICES TO LET IN TIMES BUILDING.

SPLENDID OFFICES TO LET IN THE FIRE-PROOF TIMES BUILDING.

Apply at TIMES COUNTING-ROOM.

TO LET—THE FRONT OFFICES ON THIRD floor No. 207 Broadway, south-west corner Fulton-st.; immediate possession. Also, from 1st May, the front office, second floor, now occupied by the North-western Mutual Life Insurance Company. Apply at No. 160 Fulton-st., Room No. 10, or to the janitor, from 12 to 2.

STORE TO RENT, CHEAP, FOR HOLIday sales, during December and January—the elegant store, corner of Broadway and 31st-st., under the Grand Hotel.

SEVERAL FIRST-CLASS STABLES to rent, with immediate possession. Particulars from HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FINE LOFTS, 50X100, WITH STEAM-power, to let, together or separate; good light. Apply at Nos. 35 and 37 Wooster-st.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

WOOLEN-MILL FOR SALE.

The undersigned, assignee in bankruptcy of LOUIS M. OBERHOFER, will sell at auction on THURSDAY, Nov. 23, 1871, at 10 o'clock, at Canterbury, Conn., upon the premises, the remaining property of said bankrupt, to wit:

A two-set fancy cassimere mill, complete, with stone dam and good water privilege, stone picker-house, suitable buildings and tenements, and about sixty acres of land, and two complete sets of fancy cassimere machinery for the manufacture of all kinds of fancy cassimeres; also, mansion-house, barn, &c., and about six acres of land.

The above will be sold subject to certain mortgages, a part of which can probably lie for a long while.

Also, certain personal property and stock, &c., worth the attention of store-keepers, farmers, and others.

The above will be sold, without reserve, to the highest bidder. Further particulars may be had of SOLOMON LUCAS or HIRAM CROSBY, Norwich, Conn., or of the undersigned.

JOHN W. MASON, Assignee,
No. 50 Park-place, New-York.

Preceding sale is adjourned to FRIDAY, Dec. 1, at same hour and place.

JOHN W. MASON, Assignee,
No. 50 Park-place, New-York.

A. J. MATHEWSON, Auctioneer.

J. MATHEWSON & SON,
NO. 4 PINE-ST.,

On FRIDAY, DEC. 1,
by order Supreme Court,
At MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE SALES-ROOM,
NO. 111 BROADWAY,

three valuable lots of land, with the brown-stone front houses thereon, on west side Madison-av., between 43d and 44th sts.

AUCTION SALES.

WHEREAS, THE FREDERICKSBURG AND GORDONSVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY, of Virginia, by their deed of mortgage, dated the first day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and recorded in the County of Spotsylvania, State of Virginia aforesaid, in Record-book T. T., pages 168 to 178, inclusive, and also in the several counties through which the Fredericksburg and Gordonsville Railroad runs, did convey unto the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, of the City of New-York, and its successors, the property, rights and franchises therein described, as follows:

"All and singular the railroad of the said party of the first part, from and including the terminus and depot at Fredericksburg, in the County of Spotsylvania, in the State of Virginia, and thence to the terminus and depot at Charlottesville, in the County of Albemarle and State aforesaid, a distance of sixty-two miles, together with all and singular the lands, tracks, lines, rails, bridges, ways, rights of ways and materials, buildings, piers, wharves, erections, fences, walls, fixtures, privileges, franchises, rights and interests, real estate and personal property, leasehold and other things of and belonging to the said party of the first part, of every kind, nature and character in the State of Virginia, and all the issues and profits to be had or derived from the same or any part or portion thereof, or from any part or portion of said terminus, or either of them, and all rights to receive or recover the same, and all railway stations and depots with all the appurtenances necessary or convenient, or the sole, complete and entire use and operation as well as maintenance of the said road or railways owned or leased by the party of the first part, and also all the locomotives, engines, tenders, cars, carriages, tools and machinery belonging or appertaining to the said railroad and railways owned as aforesaid, and all improvements or additions made or to be made to any one or all of said properties, estates, railroads or railways and their appurtenances by the said party of the first part or by others; also all and every other estate, interest, property or thing which the said party of the first part own and hold, or may at all hereafter acquire, and hold necessary or convenient for the use, occupation and enjoyment of all or any of its said railroads, railways, leases and property, rights, privileges and franchises, or any part or portion thereof, and also all right and privileges to use the said roadbeds, tracks, sidings, turnouts, constructed or to be constructed for the convenient use of said railroad or railways or any of them owned or operated by the said party of the first part, as fully and as effectually as the said company, party of the first part, is or may be by law entitled to have or acquire."

Which conveyance so made to the said The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company of the City of New-York was made to it as Trustee, to secure the payment of five hundred bonds of one thousand dollars each, and of one thousand bonds of five hundred dollars each, executed by the said The Fredericksburg and Gordonsville Railroad Company of Virginia, all bearing date the first day of November, 1869, and payable to the bearer thereof, in gold coin of the United States of America, in the City of New-York, on the first day of November, which will be in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, in gold, in the City of New-York, upon the first day of May and the first day of November in each year.

And whereas it is provided in said Mortgage Deed that if the interest on any of said bonds shall not be paid when the same shall become due, and if such interest shall remain in arrears for three months, that then the said Trustee, upon the written request of the holders of at least one-third of said bonds, shall cause the said premises, real and personal estate, rights and franchises therein described, to be sold at public auction in the City of Fredericksburg, in the State of Virginia, or in the City of New-York, as the Trustee may elect, as and in the manner provided in said deed.

And whereas the semi-annual interest which became due upon said bonds on the first day of November, 1870, and on the semi-annual interest which became due upon said bonds on the 1st day of May, 1871, has remained in arrears for three months and upwards, and the said The Fredericksburg and Gordonsville Railroad Company of Virginia has made default in the payment thereof, and the holders of more than one-third of said bonds have requested in writing said Trustee to proceed to sell the said premises, real and personal estate, rights and franchises, according to the provisions of said deed.

And whereas, the said Trustee has elected that the same shall be sold at public auction in the City of New-York;

Now, therefore, the said The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company of the City of New-York, Trustee as aforesaid, in conformity with the provisions of said deed of Mortgage, will, on the 23th day of December, A. D. 1871, at 12 o'clock noon, on that day, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York aforesaid, proceed to sell the above described property, rights and franchises, and will then and there cause the same to be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, by Adrian H. Muller, P. K. Wilkins & Co., auctioneers.

THE FARMERS' LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY, Trustees.
By R. G. ROLSTON, President.

Sanford, Robinson & Woodruff, Attorneys, No. 102 Broadway, New-York.

EDWARD M. BROWN, Auctioneer.

BY T. R. MINTURN, KIDDER & CO.—ON FRIDAY, Dec. 1, at 11 o'clock, within their store: 1,000 cases fresh Valencia Oranges.
1,000 boxes fresh Malaga Lemons.

FURNITURE.

BANKRUPT'S SALE OF ELEGANT FURNITURE.

Entire balance of stock, valued at $40,000, must be closed out at any sacrifice

DURING THE NEXT TEN DAYS,

at the store No. 550 Broadway, formerly occupied by Tiffany & Co.

This is a rare opportunity to purchase bargains, as no reasonable offer will be refused, the stock having to be positively disposed of at once.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH, CORNER OF 4th-av. and 20th-st.—THANKSGIVING service at 11 A. M., Nov. 30. Rev. Dr. BELLOWS will preach.

BROADWAY TABERNACLE CHURCH.—Prof. Roswell D. HITCHCOCK, D. D., will preach on THANKSGIVING DAY, at 11 o'clock.

CENTRAL M. E. CHURCH, 7TH-AV. near 14th-st.—Preaching THURSDAY at 11 A. M. by Rev. S. D. BROWN, D. D., Presiding Elder. The congregations of 13th-st., 24th-st. and

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Saturday, Nov. 25, COLUMBIA,	Saturday, Dec. 16.
Saturday, Dec. 2, AUSTRALIA,	Saturday, Dec. 23.

And every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY thereafter from Pier 20 North River, New-York, at noon.
For the accommodation of its patrons and the public, the Anchor Line have opened a branch office at No. 21 Broadway, where, besides ocean tickets, railroad tickets to any railroad station West, North and South can be purchased at lowest rates.
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BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL,
CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

Algeria, Wednesday, Dec. 6	Calabria, Saturday, Dec. 16
Russia, Wednesday, Dec. 13	Batavia, Saturday, Dec. 23
Java, Wednesday, Dec. 20	Tarifa, Saturday, Dec. 30
Cuba, Wednesday, Dec. 27	Parthia, Saturday, Jan. 6
China, Wednesday, Jan. 3	Abyssinia, Saturday, Jan. 13

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WASHINGTON.....ROUSSAN....Saturday, Jan. 13

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD (including wine) TO BREST OR HAVRE.
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WISCONSIN, Capt. T. W. FREEMAN, Dec. 13, at 7¼ A. M.
NEVADA, Capt. FORSYTH.....Dec. 20, at 1 P. M.
WYOMING, Capt. WHITEHEAD.....Dec. 27, at 2½ P. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. MORGAN.....Jan. 3, at ——
IDAHO, Capt. JAS. PRICE.....Jan. 10, at ——
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From the White Star Dock, Pavonia Ferry, Jersey City. Passenger accommodations (for all classes) unrivaled, combining
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SPAIN, GRACE, Saturday, Dec. 2, at 8:30 A. M.
DENMARK, SUMNER, Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 P. M.
FOR LONDON DIRECT.
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Passage to Liverpool, Queenstown, or London direct: Cabin, $75 and $65, currency; steerage, $28 currency.
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CITY OF BRISTOL.....Thursday, Dec. 14, 8 A. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Dec. 16, 10 A. M.
CITY OF WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 21, 2 P. M.
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First cabin	$75	Steerage	$30
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Dec. 15.—Steamer RISING STAR, Capt. H. P. CONRER, will leave Pier No. 42 North River, at 12 o'clock noon, for Aspinwall via Kingston, Jamaica touching at Acapulco, Manzanillo and Mazatlan, and connecting at Panama with steamer COLORADO, Capt. ——, also connecting for all Central American and South Pacific ports. Freight for last-named ports received until 4 P. M. of Dec. 13.
Steamer GREAT REPUBLIC will leave San Francisco, Jan. 1, 1872, for Japan and China. For rates of passage, freight and all further information, apply at Company's office on the pier, foot of Canal-st.
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UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS calling on the 23d of every month.
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MORRO CASTLE, Capt. S. G. PORTER, via Nassau, Dec. 14.
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MAGNOLIA, Capt. PALMER, SATURDAY, Dec. 2, from Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M.
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HUNTSVILLE, Capt. CROWELL, SATURDAY, Dec. 2, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 3 P. M.
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VIRGO, Capt. BULKLEY, TUESDAY, Dec. 5, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
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NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.—Sealed proposals will be received until Jan. 1, 1872, for the sale to the undersigned Trustees of $140,000 of the sinking fund bonds of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company, also of $40,000 of the bonds of the "Western Division" of said road. Parties whose bids are accepted will be notified of the same without delay.
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TO STOCKHOLDERS OF MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 166 Broadway, New-York, Nov. 3, 1871.—In pursuance of a requisition from the Superintendent of the Insurance Department of the State of New-York, dated Nov. 2, 1871, the stockholders of the Mercantile Fire Insurance Company of the City of New-York are required to pay the sum of $60,000 in cash, being 30 per cent. on the capital stock, at the office of said Company, No. 166 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the 2d day of December, 1871, to make good the deficiency of the capital impaired by reason of the Chicago fire.
In case of failure to pay the said assessment at or before the time above named, your stock will be reduced 30 per cent. of its par value.
WM. A. ANDERSON, President.
C. W. PARMELEE, Secretary.
By order of the Board of Directors, the transfer-books of this Company are closed until Dec. 4, 1871.
C. W. PARMELEE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE MARYLAND COAL COMPANY,
No. 12 TRINITY BUILDING,
NEW-YORK, Nov. 20, 1871.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Company's office, on TUESDAY, Dec. 12, at 12 o'clock M.
The polls will remain open from 12 M. till 2 P. M.
The transfer-books will be closed from Dec. 1 to Dec. 12, inclusive.
By order of the Board,
HARRY E. HOY, Secretary.

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Montgomery and Eufaula Railroad First Mortgage 8 per cent. Gold Bonds, indorsed by the State of Alabama, at 95 and interest.
Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska Railway First Mortgage 7 per cent. Gold Bonds, at 90 and interest.
Indianapolis and Vincennes Railroad Second Mortgage 6 per cent. Bonds, (guaranteed by Pennsylvania Railroad,) at 80 and interest.
Hamilton County, Illinois, 7 per cent. Bonds, at 82½ and interest.
Jefferson, Texas, 10 per cent. Bonds, (issued for municipal purposes,) at 92½ and interest.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the first meeting of the stockholders of the United States Mortgage Company has been called by the corporators thereof to be held at the office of said Company, No. 50 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, on the 30th day of December, 1871, at 11 o'clock A. M., and that the first election of directors will take place at said meeting. By order of the corporators.
B. H. HUTTON, Chairman.
CHARLES TRACY, Secretary.
Dated NEW-YORK, Nov. 28, 1871.

NOTICE TO MARIPOSA TRUST CERTIFICATES.—Parties holding Mariposa Trust Certificates are hereby notified that the option to convert their certificates into the preferred stock of the Mariposa Land and Mining Company at the original rate will expire on Nov. 15; after that date an extra bonus will be charged. For further information please call at the office, No. 34 Wall-st., Room No. 4.

THE HOFFMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY hereby gives notice of its intention to increase the amount of its capital stock from TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS to TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, by the addition of ONE THOUSAND NEW SHARES of FIFTY DOLLARS each, duly subscribed for and paid in.—Dated New-York, Nov. 8, 1871. By order,
M. F. HODGES, President.
OLIVER A. DRAKE, Secretary.

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FOR SALE—A ROYAL GEORGE COLT, sired by *Pelham Tartar*; can trot in 2.40 to a road wagon; is 15.3 and very handsome. Also, one pair *Ethen Allens*; can trot in 2.45; one very remarkable pair brown coach horses, 16 hands. Also, one pair extra cross matches, 16¼ high. M. S. CURRY, Nos. 143 and 145 East 24th-st.

A VERY SMALL IMPORTED JAPANESE Donkey for sale; is very docile; is warranted safe and kind for a child to ride or drive; six years old; also, wagon, harness and saddle. Apply at No. 161 East 28th-st.

ARMY CARTS, BLANKETS, CAVALRY coats, tents, McClellan saddles, mule collars, harness, canvas, water-proof horse wagon covers. W. A. CARTER, No. 52 Cortlandt-st., near Greenwich-st.

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HORSE-BLANKETS, $1 50; BUFFALO, black bear, red fox, kangaroo, fur and plush carriage robes; great bargains. No. 103 Chambers-st.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

A PRIVATE FAMILY, HAVING JUST rented on a lease a brown-stone front house, newly furnished, will be prepared from Nov. 29 to dispose of a first and second floor desirable in every respect; private dining-room and parlor; house and all appointments first-class; best of references given and required. Apply at No. 156 West 23d-st., one block and a half from Fifth-avenue Hotel.

BOARDING—THE SUBSCRIBER WOULD like to receive a family to board for the Winter at his country residence; location pleasing, with home comforts, and use of good piano, &c.; terms moderate to desirable parties. Address H. H. H., Esopus, Ulster County, N. Y.

A LARGE PLEASANT ROOM ON SECOND floor, to a gentleman and wife; house, table and appointments first class; only a few select boarders taken; highest references given. Apply at No. 107 West 44th-st., between Broadway and 6th-av.

NO. 114 EAST 29TH-ST., ONE BLOCK from Clarendon Hotel.—Elegant house, just opened, newly and richly furnished throughout; rooms en suite and singly; private table if desired; references.

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR NEW-YORK ATTIMES received till 5 P. M. at the Up-town Advertisement Office, No. 544 West 32d-st., junction of Broadway and 6th-av.

NO. 158 EAST 34TH-ST.—WITH board, a handsomely-furnished second floor, three rooms and parlor, together or separately, to parties desiring the comforts of a private residence.

NO. 7 WEST 25TH-ST.—A SUITE OF handsomely-furnished rooms; also, single, suitable for gentlemen; house in good location; desirable, opposite the Hoffman House and adjoining St. James.

TWENTY-THIRD-ST., NO. 262, WEST.—Two handsomely furnished front rooms to let, with board, at moderate rates; location first-class; references.

ONE APARTMENT FRESHLY DECORated to let on second floor; four rooms, en suite or single, with board; French cook. Apply at No. 17 East 17th-st., between 5th-av. and Broadway.

FURNISHED ROOMS, WITH BOARD, AT the first-class house, No. 19 East 49th-st.; unexceptionable references exchanged.

FIFTH-AV., NO. 297.—PARLOR FLOOR, elegantly furnished, to let, with private table. Reference required.

A PLEASANT SUITE OF ROOMS TO let, with board; references exchanged. No. 17 East 37th-st.

FIFTH-AV.—NO. 343—HANDSOMELY-FURnished floor, together or separately; with or without private table; terms reasonable.

NO. 44 WEST 23D-ST.—TWO LARGE desirable rooms, over parlor floor, to let, with board. References required.

TO LET—THIRD FLOOR IN BROWN-STONE House, No. 462 West 51st-st., at reduced rent, to small family. Apply at No. 430 West 48th-st.

NO. 53 WEST 33D-ST.—SINGLE AND large rooms on fourth floor, with superior board.

BOARD WANTED.

WANTED.—A GENTLEMAN AND HIS wife want a second-story front room and bedroom, or alcove, with board, fire, gas, hot and cold water; location between 10th and 34th sts. and 4th and 6th avs.; price not to exceed $125 per month. Address M., Box No. 163 *Times* Office, stating location, &c.; references given and required.

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THE National Trust COMPANY.
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Nos. 261 AND 263 BROADWAY, CORNER OF WARREN-ST.
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CIRCULAR.
TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.
BOSTON, Nov. 15, 1871.
During the past five years the amount of freight carried over the road has more than doubled, the amount carried during the year ending May 31, 1871, having been.....1,105,575 tons,
and during the year ending May 31, 1866..... 533,451 tons.
Increase..... 572,424 tons.
The passenger business also shows an average increase, during the last five years, of about one-third over the previous five years.
During this period, the additions to our means for doing this greatly augmented business have not kept pace with the growth of the business itself, and our present facilities are not, by any means, adequate to the profitable and economical transaction of such business, extended and still increasing traffic, and as a consequence, we have been compelled to pay large sums for the use of cars and motive power to build a machine-shop and round-house at Jackson, and also to lay a large amount of track and about seventeen miles of sidings. Extensive additions to the power and rolling stock have already been made, but a very much larger amount is indispensable.
The vast amount of business over that portion of the road lying between Detroit and Jackson—a distance of seventy-six miles—rendered it almost impossible to keep the track in proper running condition; and, in order to obviate this difficulty, it became absolutely necessary that the entire track—steel rails should be substituted for the iron rails—experience having proved this to be true economy on account of their much greater durability, although the original cost is somewhat larger. Consequently contracts have been made for the requisite amount of steel rails to effect this change, about sixty miles of which have already been laid.
In order to meet these necessities and to provide means for the payment of improvements and additions already made and which are to be made, and for carrying on with profit and economy the great and constantly growing business of the road, the Directors have deemed it advisable, and for the advantage of the stockholders, to make an addition of twenty-six thousand (26,000) shares to the Capital Stock, and to offer them for sale, at par, to the stockholders of record at the close of business on the 18th day of November, inst., in the ratio of one new share for every six shares held by each stockholder at that time, payable one-third, Dec. 15, 1871; Jan. 15, and Feb. 15, 1872, respectively, with interest from the 1st of December, at the rate of seven per cent. per annum.
Payments made in full on the 1st of December will obviate any adjustment of interest, as the new stock will participate in the earnings of the road on and after that date.
Six rights will be entitled to one new share.
Stockholders are requested to notify the Treasurer, on or before the 10th day of December next, whether or not they will take the number of shares to which they are, respectively, entitled, and all shares not subscribed for by that day will be at the disposal of the Directors. Stockholders registered at New-York are requested to make nodification and payment to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, No. 26 Exchange-place.
Notices received from foreign shareholders by the 30th of December will entitle them to their quota of the new stock.
The new stock will not be entitled to the next dividend. JAMES F. JOY, President.
ISAAC LIVERMORE, Treasurer.

AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY. NILSSON ON FRIDAY.
The Seventeenth Subscription Night of the Strakosch Italian Opera Company.
TO-MORROW, (Friday,) Dec. 1, at 8 P. M.,
and also LAST NILSSON MATINEE, SATURDAY, Dec. 2, at 1½. Doors open at 12½.
MIGNON.
Mlle. CHRISTINA NILSSON as MIGNON, Mlle. L. VON DUVAL, Mlle. RONCONI, M. CAPOUL, M. JANET, M. LYALL, Sig. COLETTI, &c.
MAX MARETZEK, Musical Director and Conductor
MONDAY, Dec. 4, 18th Subscription Night,
MIGNON.
Seats now at the Academy on 14th-st.; also, Nos. 701 and 114 Broadway.
SATURDAY, Dec. 9, Academy of Music, Brooklyn.
MONDAY, Dec. 11, Philadelphia, Penn.
SPECIAL NOTICE.
The box-office at the Academy will be open THIS (Thanksgiving) DAY from 8 A. M. until 12 M. for securing seats.

ST. JAMES THEATRE.
NEW BURLESQUE.
28th-st., corner of Broadway.
THANKSGIVING DAY AND EVENING.
MATINEE AT 2, EVENING at 8.
UNPRECEDENTED ATTRACTIONS.
ANNIE LONSDALE IN THREE PIECES.
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as originally played by her over four hundred nights.
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CHARLOTTE.....ANNIE LONSDALE,
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THREE MATINEES THIS WEEK.
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First week of the renowned
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SANTLEY! SANTLEY! SANTLEY!
AT THE BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
Mr. George Dolby begs to announce
ONE GRAND CONCERT
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING, Dec. 1, 1871.
Miss EDITH WYNNE,
Mme. PATEY,

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Preparations for the Celebration of Thanksgiving Day—Unveiling of the Bust of Franklin.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—To-morrow having been designated both by President GRANT and Gov. COOKE as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, will be generally observed by the citizens of the District of Columbia as a holiday. Labor will be suspended in all of the Departments of the general and local Governments, and the banks and most of the other places of business in Washington and Georgetown will be closed. Appropriate services will be held in nearly all of the churches throughout the District. At the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. NEWMAN, pastor, in addition to the regular exercises, the dedication of the new chime-bells will take place. Bishop SIMPSON is expected to be present and deliver an address. This is the first chime of bells ever erected in this city, and the dedication, on that account, is attracting considerable attention.

EXAMINATION OF LOCK-BOXES.

Owing to the number of inventions for lock-boxes for post-offices, and the importunity of agents and inventors to get their special interests advanced, a committee was recently appointed to examine and report to the Post-office Department upon the merits, expense, &c., of the various styles. The report has been made but not yet examined in the Department.

BUST OF FRANKLIN IN THE PRINTING OFFICE.

The employes of the Public Printing Office having obtained a marble bust of FRANKLIN, to be placed over the main entrance to the extension of the Government Printing Office building, it was unveiled today with pleasing and appropriate ceremonies. The bust is the work of Mr. LOT FLANNERY, of this city, and is much better than some previous work of the same gentleman would lead one to expect, and is certainly superior to many other sculptures in Washington, though of modest pretensions. A stage was erected before the doorway and neatly draped, which was occupied by the speakers, and by the Marine Band and several ladies. The speech of presentation was made by Mr. RICHARD CLAXTON, and the reply by the Congressional Printer, Hon. A. M. CLAPP, in the happy style with which very many people are familiar. Remarks were also made by Major BEN PERLEY POORE. The extreme cold weather interfered with the enjoyment of the exercises, but did not mar their success. There were present Senator Tipton, Gen. Garfield, Gen. Leggett, Gen. Walker, and many other distinguished gentlemen.

INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.

Among the papers in the annual report of the Commissioner of Education, Gen. EATON, is a paper on the education of the blind by Dr. S. G. HOWE, of Boston. Of the 20,320 blind persons in the United States, as given in the census of 1870, about thirty-seven per cent. were born blind, forty-nine per cent. were made blind by disease and fifteen per cent. by accident. Schools for the education of the blind were first started in Europe in 1784, and in this country in 1829 by Dr. JOHN FISHER. Dr. HOWE took charge of the Massachusetts Institute in 1831. Thirty-one States have now made provision for the education of their blind, and there are twenty-six schools in operation, nineteen of which are devoted entirely to the education of the blind, and the others to the blind in connection with deaf mutes. They have an endowment of $3,500,000, and have now 2,018 pupils. In all 6,476 have been educated.

PERSONAL.

Secretary DELANO went to New-York today to spend Thanksgiving Day with his daughter, and he will not return till Saturday. The clerks of the Interior Department were dismissed at noon today.

The President has appointed C. W. BABCOCK, Surveyor-General of Kansas; Gen. W. VANDEVERE, of Iowa, and R. HILTON, of St. Louis, United States Commissioners, to examine and report upon the roads and telegraph lines of the Kansas and Texas Railway Company in the Indian Territory.

Vice-President COLFAX and family arrived today; also, Senators MORTON and MORRILL, of Maine, with their families, and Senator SUMNER.

There are now about thirty members of Congress in Washington.

The Foreign Fruit Trade—Interesting Statistics—The Extent of the Business.

About sixty-seven years ago a small schooner, the *Reynard* by name, (not in the least suggestive of impossible fruit,) met on the broad seas three French frigates. On one of them was JEROME BONAPARTE, coming to Baltimore, and perhaps in consideration of the alliance possible with Miss PATTERSON, the gallant master of the *Reynard*, Capt. JOHN N. CHESTER by name, presented the future King of Westphalia with some bunches of bananas, some pineapples and plantains. This is recollected in the old annals of the fruit-business as the first regular importation of West Indian fruits to New-York. On the arrival of the schooner, destined to inaugurate the great fruit trade, what she had of these tropical productions were disposed of to ANTHONY CRAPPAN, fruit-dealer in the old Fly Market, at the foot of Maiden-lane. Do you doubt the fact? There is still a worthy resident of Brooklyn, now in his eighty-second year, who can vouch for the story.

Commencing in a small way, even twenty-six years afterward, it had but little augmented, for then the whole capital in it did not exceed $20,000. Gradually it assumed larger proportions, and today we are assured that no less than $4,000,000 are actively employed in supplying New-York alone with oranages, lemons, limes, shaddocks, pines, bananas, plantains, cocoa-nuts, derived from Messina, Palermo, Valentia, Malaga, Baracoa, Honduras, Granada, Carthagena, from Kingston, Jamaica, Cuba, the Bahamas, and from Savannah, St. Augustine and Tampa Bay. Steam-power now brings the luscious fruit to us from all parts of the world, and sailing vessels which a year or two plied constantly, now find their occupation fast going. It seems curious to be able to count the oranges and lemons brought to this port during the year 1870 from the Mediterranean, but 94,772,125 of the former and 93,362,750 of the latter is the tally. We might if we chose give the exact figures of the more insignificant limes from the West Indies, but we are content to gross them, simply stating that the most exacting must be satisfied with the data of 593 barrels, which was an excess of 92 barrels over that of 1869. Statistics even go so far as to give you the exact proportions of loss through decay, being 36,44-100 on oranges and 28,33-100 on lemons, from the Mediterranean. From the West Indies we have had, in 1870, 44 cargoes, counted up as 18,615,650 oranges, the loss by decay being greater than in the European fruit, owing to want of care in the picking and preparation. A grand total of over 113,000,000 would, it seems, give almost two and three-quarters of an orange to be sucked by every man, woman and child in the United States.

Of pine-apples we have had eighty-four cargoes, consisting of almost of 4,000,000, being an increase of over a half million imported in 1869. As this is a more perishable article than oranges or lemons, a large proportion of them are taken by extensive firms in the City for canning. Cocoa-nuts imported surpass pines by not quite a million. The percentage of loss here is smaller, though reaching fifteen per cent. What can be done with such an avalanche of cocoa-nuts is indeed a question. New-York and its vicinity takes hundreds of thousands of cocoa-nuts, dessicates them, so that at all times and seasons of the year you can have your cocoa-nut puddings or cocoa-nut candy. One firm alone prepares monthly 140,000 cocoa-nuts in this way. What a beneficent source of indigestion to the doctors!

In the Mediterranean ports during 1870, oranges were worth about $1 90 per box, lemons, $2 40; pine-apples in the West Indies, $33 33 per thousand. Bananas, we regret to say, have this last year been subjected to a corner. From sixty cent a bunch they have been run up by the intelligent natives to $1 50. The consequence has been that their importation has been a loss. Cocoa-nuts are worth at their place of growth about $20 per thousand. Fresh cocoa-nuts are only used in the trade. The eyes of all of them have to be sealed over with pitch, in order to keep the milk in, and to preserve their freshness. As one cocoa-nut looks exactly like another, it is hard to detect a fresh one from a stale one, especially as the ingenious native is prone to pitch over the eyes of old and new nuts, without risking the purchasers' option.

The whole value of fruit of all kinds for the year 1870 brought into New-York amounted to $1,703,315, gold, on which the United States received the handsome duty of $384,995.

All the above facts we have taken from an exceedingly well-written and comprehensive pamphlet, entitled "Foreign Fruit Statistics," by Mr. J. H. BOSTWICK, United States Inspector of Customs. This gentleman's little work is worthy of much praise. Thorough in every respect, and compiled with care, it presents a full and interesting résumé of this important branch of business, the extensive character of which will, no doubt, surprise many of our readers.

The Mental Activities of the Age and the Bible.

"The Mental Activities of the Age" was the subject of a lecture delivered last evening by Rev. THOMAS GUARD, at the Central M. E. Church on Seventh-avenue, near Fourteenth-street, before a large audience. The lecturer referred at length to the mental activity of the age in commerce, science and literature, and asserted that this activity was equally manifest as bearing on the action of the Bible. He pointed to the progress of liberty and freedom of thought in those nations where the saving influence of the Bible was known and felt, and the contrast they presented to the countries where Romanism was dominant. Prussia, England and like nations enjoyed the blessings of liberty to its fullest extent; the people were educated and free, while in Italy, under Papal administration, the most horrible ignorance and lack of freedom prevailed. He cited statistics to show that at the present period only 800,000 of the inhabitants of Germany were uneducated, and 17,000,000 of Italians could neither read nor write. The purpose of the Bible, he declared, was to instil freedom of thought, freedom of conscience, freedom of religion into all, and that of Popery was their restraint and a return to the barbarism and ignorance of the Middle Ages. Despite the plausible jeloquence of Father HICKER and his co-religionists, these truths could not be concealed, and the result was a more thorough appreciation and understanding of the divine principles enunciated in the Bible.

Liberation of a Convicted Murderer from Sing Sing—A Singular Story.

In a City so prolific of murders, horrors and sensations as New-York, there are probably few people who could now remember the particulars of a terrible marder which ten years ago was for a brief period the sensation of the day.

On the 22d of October, 1861, the body of a man stabbed in twenty-one places was found on the bank at Hoboken, N. J. It was subsequently identified as that of a German Jew named SIGISMUND FELLNER, who had been in America but two weeks ere he was thus hurried into eternity. It was known that FELLNER was possessed of considerable money and jewelry, and also that he lodged with a young man named IGNATZ RATZKY, and that he sustained intimate relations with a young woman named ALBERTINA PFLAUM, who resided with her sister, Mrs. MARKS, at No. 45 East Broadway. When last seen alive he left this house in company with RATZKY to go to their lodgings in Brooklyn. This was on the 18th, and four days afterward his body was found as described. Suspicion at once attached itself to RATZKY and the two women. RATZKY disappeared and the women were arrested; in their house was found a quantity of diamonds belonging to the murdered man, and on the night of her arrest ALBERTINA committed suicide by hanging herself in her cell. The other woman was discharged for want of evidence, and is supposed to have lost her reason. RATZKY was traced, and eight months after the murder was arrested in St. Louis. He was brought to Brooklyn, where, after considerable delay, he was tried, found guilty and sentenced to death. At this time there was a law in existence, since repealed, which prevented any man under sentence of death from being executed until twelve months after trial. RATZKY passed this year in Brooklyn, and at the end of that time his sentence was commuted by Gov. FENTON to seven years and two months imprisonment. No obvious reason appeared for this course, except that the evidence on which he was convicted was purely circumstantial. He was removed to Sing Sing, and there underwent his merciful sentence, and on Thursday last, the 23d of November, RATZKY'S prison-doors were thrown open, and for the first time in nine years he breathed the air of freedom. Although only a very short time in this country, he had made a number of friends, who were unceasing in their endeavors to obtain his pardon, and it is probably through their efforts that Gov. FENTON commuted his sentence. That scores of people think and always have thought that he was innocent of this crime, there can be no doubt. Upon his release the same untiring friends who, during the long years of his imprisonment, had been so indefatigable in his cause, received him when liberated, and he is now a guest at the house of the principal one, Mr. BENJAMIN PAINE, of Albany. RATZKY is now twenty-nine years of age, of very prepossessing appearance, an excellent linguist, and of very engaging and agreeable manners. By his good conduct his term of imprisonment was reduced by six months, and he leaves Sing Sing with a most excellent character from the Warden.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

Congressman SAMUEL HOOPER, of Boston, is at the Brevoort House.

Chief Engineer J. W. KING, of the United States Navy, is at the Everett House.

Ex-United States Senator L. P. POLAND, of Vermont, is at the Grand Central Hotel.

SOLOMON GREEN, colored, was killed, on Tuesday, by a fall while unloading a sloop.

The Liederkranz society gave its first soirée of the season at Liederkranz Hall, last night.

The German Citizens' Club of the Fourth Ward had a grand ball at the Germania Assembly Rooms last night.

Major-Gen. BURNSIDE and CYRUS W. FIELD, Esq., were among the passengers for Europe by the *Scotia* yesterday.

A lecture on the "Holy Land" will be delivered this evening, at the Allen-street M. E. Church, by Rev. F. S. DEHASS.

The Beethoven Maennerchor had a banquet and subsequently engaged in a ball at its club-house in Fifth-street, last night.

MARY MILMORE, of No. 145 Bleecker-street, was severely burned yesterday by her clothes taking fire from a stove.

The Fritz Reuter Verein celebrated last evening its third anniversary by an entertainment at the National Hall, in Stanton-street.

Capt. A. HULL, of San Francisco; Gen. WM. D. HARRISON, of Washington, and Hon. J. P. KINGSLEY, of Syracuse, are at the Sturtevant House.

The party of young Japanese from San Francisco took a quiet trip around the City yesterday, and the objects of interest were pointed out to them.

The Poles resident in this City last night celebrated the anniversary of the Polish revolution of 1830 by a social reunion at Clinton Hall, in Clinton-street.

Prof. CHARLES L. BALCH will read a paper on to-morrow evening, before the New-York Liberal Club, on the "Development of Man by Natural Selection."

Gen. J. KILPATRICK, Hons. A. C. MATTOON, of Oswego; G. L. DICKSON, of Wilkesbarre, and GEO. CLEMENT, of Glen's Falls, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

MARY A. FOGARTY, of No. 21 Allen-street, last night attempted to commit suicide by taking paris green while on a visit at No. 71 Division-street.

Company I of the Fifth Regiment, commanded by Capt. GIMPEL, gave its annual ball at the Casino, in Houston-street, last night. It was a brilliant affair.

SAMUEL ADLER was committed for trial yesterday, by Justice LEDWITH, for practicing as attorney-at-law without authorization from the Supreme Court.

ARTHUR RYAN, of No. 143 Furman-street, Brooklyn, was run over last night, at Coentiesship, by a truck, and severely injured. He was taken to Park Hospital.

The Helvetia Lodge, a Swiss benevolent organization, gave its twenty-second annual ball at the Teutonia Assembly Rooms last night. They had a good time.

The *Ocean Queen* sailed yesterday with the expedition to Equador. Among the party were six of the largest boys of the Roman Catholic Protectory at Westchester.

JOHN BEECHMIR, aged forty-eight years, died, yesterday, in the Park Hospital, from injuries received several days ago by being run over by a truck in Whitehall-street.

BARCLAY DEVINNEY was committed at the Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, for assaulting and robbing JOHN MCLAUGHLIN, of No. 422 West Twenty-sixth-street.

HENRY KROME, of No. 120 South Fifth-avenue, arrested for concealing smuggled goods, was discharged by Commissioner SHIELDS, yesterday. The goods were confiscated.

HENRY DEVERAN was held to answer, at Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday, before Justice SHANDLEY, for driving over BARNARD HARRAN, and inflicting very serious injuries on him.

Orders for the temporary opening of McComb's Dam Bridge for today is countermanded, as its condition is found to be too dangerous, consequent upon the work of repairs now being forwarded.

Five barrels of illicit whisky were seized by Policeman WILD at the corner of Market and Cherry streets, on Tuesday evening, together with a horse and wagon driven by JOSEPH SMITH.

BENJ. THOMPSON and JOS. JOHNSON, colored boys, were committed, yesterday, at the Tombs Police Court, on a charge of stealing clothing worth $72 from CLARA SMITH, of No. 74 Crosby-street.

CECILIA WORTEMBURG, of No. 110 Chrystie-street, died, yesterday, in the Park Hospital, from injuries received, on Tuesday, from being crushed between the bridge and the boat at the ferry at the foot of Liberty-street.

CHAS. NELSON, of No. 186 Delancey-street, was committed yesterday by Alderman COMAN at the Tombs Police Court on a charge of stealing twelve coats worth $100 from CHAS. NEWHART, No. 217 East Houston-street.

Collections will be taken up in all the Roman Catholic Churches of this diocese on Sunday next for the construction of the new Cathedral on Fifth-avenue. The building will be thrown open for public inspection today.

FOSTER BLODGETT, of Georgia; Mayor H. G. EASTMAN, of Poughkeepsie; Gen. J. B. MCINTOSH, of the United States Army, and Hons. E. K. START, of Albion, and H. A. CHILDS, of Medina, N. Y., are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel.

At a meeting of the Board of Police, held yesterday, the complaint against Capt. CAMERON was dismissed: a reprimand was awarded Capt. BURDEN, and Patrolmen BRADY and GALLAGHER were dismissed from the Department.

The cold weather continues, but the temperature yesterday was not so low as on the previous day. At 7 o'clock A. M. it was 18°; it rose during the day to 26°, and at 6 P. M. last evening the thermometer stood at 24° above zero.

The annual course of free lectures for the people will be opened on Saturday evening, in the hall of the Cooper Institute, by Dr. R. W. RAYMOND, United States Mining Commissioner, who will lecture on the "Great Geysers of the Yellowstone."

At the sales of Scranton coal, yesterday, there was an average decline of about fifty cents per ton. The following are the prices realized yesterday: Lump, $3 35@3 50; steamboat, $3 60@3 72½; grate, $4 12½@$4 15; stove, $4 27½@$4 30, and chestnut, $3 85@$4 17½.

In the Eleventh Ward, last evening, a German Reform association was permanently organized by the election of the following officers: President, MARTIN NACHTMANN; Vice-Presidents, CHRISTIAN SUTTER and A. M. PETSHAW; Secretaries, SPIRO and GATTE.

The Twenty-first Assembly District Republican Association last evening adopted all the resolutions recently drawn up by the Central Republican Committee, except the one which states that firemen or policemen shall not be members of any Ward association.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Medical Men was held at the College of Physicians and Surgeons last evening. The Treasurer's report shows that a balance of $7,830 85 remains in the treasury, after disbursing $2,614 04 for various objects.

Col. S. W. DORSEY, of Arkansas; Col. E. C. BOUDINOT, of the Cherokee Nation; Col. NATHANIEL POPE, of Santa Fé, New-Mexico; Lieut.-Commander F. R. SMITH, of the United States Navy; Judge R. C. HURD, of Mount Vernon, and Hon. N. P. LANGFORD, of Montana, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

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